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OF COMMANDS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Command</i>	<i>Mailing Address</i>
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1771	First Co. Governor's Foot Guard	Maj. R. E. Gates, Hartford, Conn., Foot Guard Armory
*1774	Fifth Infantry (175) Md. Nat. Guard	Col. William C. Baxter, 5th Regt. Armory, Baltimore, Md.
*1774	First Troop, Philadelphia City Cav. PNG	Capt. Robert S. Ingersoll, Jr., 23 & Ranstead St. Armory, Philadelphia, Pa.
1774	Kentish Guards	Col. Thos. C. Greene, East Greenwich, R. I.
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1775	Second Co., Governor's Foot Guard	Maj. Robert H. Gerrish, New Haven, Conn.
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1776	Bristol Train of Artillery	Col. Harry A. Hambrick, 25 Byfield St., Bristol, R. I.
1785	Second Corps Cadets Vet. Assn.	Lt. Col. Jeremiah W. Cleary, State Armory, Salem, Mass.
1787	Fusilier Veterans Assn.	Lt. Col. J. W. H. Myrick, 244 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
1788	1st Co. Governor's Horse Guards	Maj. Arthur J. Bushell, Fern Cliff Dr. Armory, West Hartford, Conn.
*1789	Richmond Light Infantry Blues	
	Hg. 1st Bn. 176th Inf., C. T. Va. NG	Lt. Col. Wm. G. Wharton, Blues Armory, Richmond, Va.
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1813	State Fencibles Infantry	Brig. Gen. H. J. Inman, 1626 Woodmere Way, Brookline, Delaware County, Pa.
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1818	First Light Infantry Regt.	
1819	Old Guard State Fencibles	Lt. Col. George S. Davis, Armory, New Haven, Conn.
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*1840	Worcester City Guards, Co. A. 181st Inf. Mass. NG	
*1840	108th Field Art. Bn. Pa. NG	Capt. John W. Rawding, State Armory, Grove St., Worcester, Mass.
*1842	Irish Jasper Greens, "A" Btry 230th FA Bn. Ga. NG	Maj. Joseph L. Minter, Broad & Diamond Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.
*1845	German Volunteers, Service Battery 230th Field Artillery Battalion Ga. NG	
1846	Old Guard Inf. Corps, 2nd Regt.	Capt. Olin F. Burnsed, 50 E. 58th St., Savannah, Ga.
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*1855	Gate City Guard	Capt. Carl G. Kleeman, Jr., 620 East 56th St., Savannah, Ga.
*1856	Danville Grays, 560th FA Bn., Va. NG	Col. Ralph E. Hendee, Hess & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
1858	Putnam Phalanx	Maj. A. Erland Goyette, Peterborough, New Hampshire
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1861	Veterans Corps 1st Regt. Pa. NG	Lt. Col. Wm. C. Heard, Jr., Danville, Va.
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1917	Old Guard, City of Philadelphia	Col. A. E. Herrmann, 3818 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 4, Pa.

* Asterisks indicate active National Guard units.

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TO THE COMMANDERS OF THE UNITS OF THE
CENTENNIAL LEGION OF HISTORIC MILITARY COMMANDS:

The Putnam Phalanx has spearheaded the task of formulating and carrying out the preliminary plans for OPERATION FRIENDLY to Europe in 1950—the 175th Anniversary of the American Revolution.

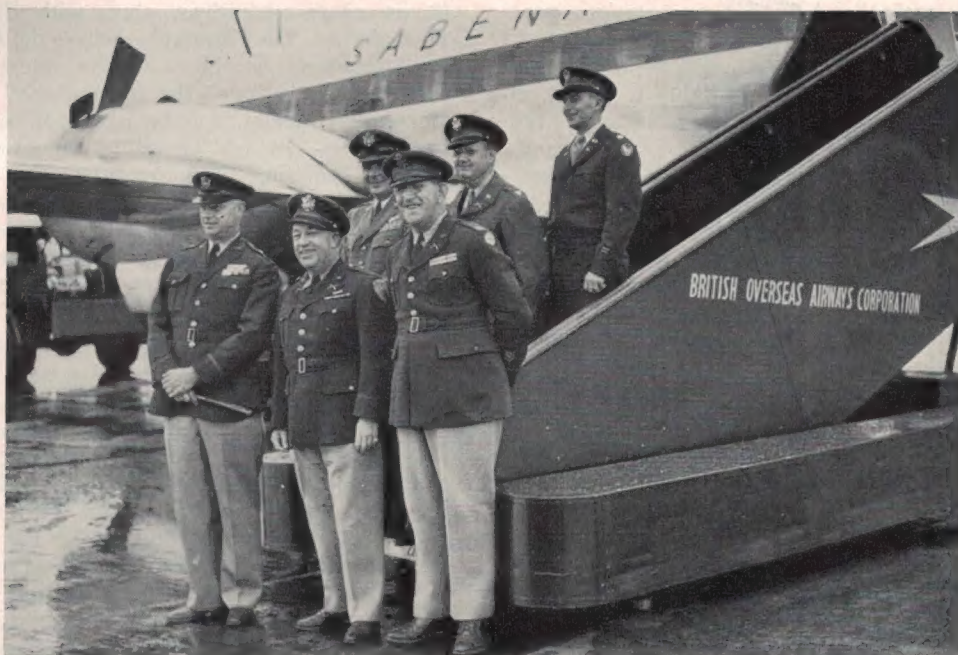
The British, Belgian, Netherlands and French governments are most eager to provide a fitting welcome in their respective countries, along with private groups in these countries who are working out ceremonies so that they can properly contribute to the success of the undertaking, according to United States Senator Brien McMahon of Connecticut and the Committee of Arrangements of the Centennial Legion that has just returned from the above-mentioned countries.

The outstanding feature of the expedition will be the dedication of the monument at Bastogne, in which the Centennial Legion has been invited to participate and take part in a very important role. This ceremony, it is hoped, will be attended in force by members of the Centennial Legion where respect in most solemn outward forms will be paid to the hero dead of the Battle of the Bulge. It is hoped that the units of the Centennial Legion will invite members of that brave assault, in their communities, to join with them and again visit Belgium as a part of this Mission of Friendship.

Colonel Edward J. Kane has been appointed Commander of Troops during the preliminary trip to Europe. He is Captain Commanding the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston and all information concerning the line will be from Colonel Kane.

This is a Centennial Legion expedition. Take this up with your unit so that they can help you to have your organization well represented.

BRIG. GEN. (RET) FRANK A. HANCOCK
Commander, The Centennial Legion



Pictured arriving in Britain to make preliminary arrangements for Operation Friendly in April 1950 of the Centennial Legion is Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Sam Edge Dockrell, Putnam Phalanx (center front) who will command the force. With him are (left to right) Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Fred E. Pereira, Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Chief of Expedition Staff; Colonel G. R. Stanley, Air Aide to Governor Chester Bowles, Connecticut; Colonel E. J. Kane, Captain A&HA Co., Expedition Commander of Troops; Colonel R. A. Spitler, Old Guard of Atlanta, Expedition Billet Officer; and Lt. Col. E. Dalton White, Old Guard of Atlanta, Expedition Public Relations Officer.

Advance Detail

By Sam Edge Dockrell, Brig. Gen. (Ret.), Editor

THE MOCK INVASION of ETO in April 1950 became more and more of a problem to set up. It was suggested through Lance Michaelis, former Lieutenant in the USAAF with many missions to his credit in the Pacific, now Sales Manager of Sabena in New York, that the men of the Advance Detail utilize Sabena as guests of the Belgian Government. This was accepted. We would advance and attack all difficulties.

By plane, car and train we arrived at our GHQ in the Algonquin Hotel in New York City. We were met by the genial proprietor Ben Bodne who had just returned from Europe with his charming wife. We were then turned over to the Algonquin's famous manager, John Martin, who took over with all the precision of one who has had years of briefing in how to do things in the Algonquin manner—the objective was accomplished. A farewell dinner of grand proportions—the devil's temptations were started. Toasts in champagne to everybody and

everything—early retirement plans vanish—on to the Drake Hotel—we sample the bar and salute the manager Major Wm. F. Grell—a grand guy—a swell host—on to the Commodore—more toasts to Operation Friendly—Audrey de Bleeker, Assistant U.S. manager for Belgian Tourist Bureau, is toasted in the small hours with undiminished vim—back to the Algonquin for a few minutes' rest. We arrive at SABENA Madison Avenue offices at 10:30 A.M.—passports checked—baggage weighed—worry of overweight eliminated—all obstacles cleared—we leave for the airport—Toasts to a happy landing—Bon Voyage!

THE FRIENDLY peoples of our early American heritage made it utterly impossible to put into words the many emotions, even in part, that engulfed us all. Thoughts that will never die—that you, too, well may experience in retrospect.

The welcome at the airport in London—British Travel

Association's cooperation and far-flung courtesies—personalities—Lord Hacking—Sir Harold Boulton—Lyster Robinson—the efficient Miss M. Dagger all of British Travel—our time their time—our thoughts their desire to carry through—"The Garden of Remembrance" at Tewkesbury, American Army Ordnance Corps Headquarters World War II—4500 population of Tewkesbury commemorating with voluntary labor their link with U. S. Army. London newspaper people—Our American Embassy—London Bobbies outside the door—U. S. Marines on guard—General Knowles, the American Minister to Britain, welcomes us in the absence of our Ambassador. The luncheon at Thos. Cook & Son main building, world-wide pioneers in Good Will—breaking bread with J. Maxwell and his staff—Toasts to their Majesties—Toasts to World War I Artillery Captain Harry Truman—thoughts of great and near-great preceding us in this traditional luncheon party room at Cook's—exchanging thoughts and ideas—The Tower of



King and Queen of England to view Operation Friendly. The above view shows the King and Queen leaving Buckingham Palace for the Opening of Parliament ceremonies.

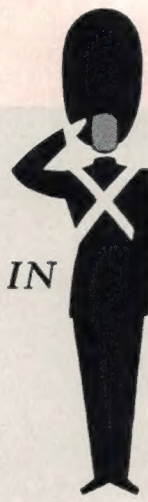
London—Buckingham Palace—Major R. C. Cole, Honorable Artillery Company of London—his charming daughter—the perfect hostess—invitation to the Change of Guard Ceremonies at the Palace—the Band spots us and strikes up American Airs—Royal Horse Guards at the Palace Gate—Colonel E. J. Risely, Honorable Artillery Company of London—Commands this famous regiment—valorous through all Britain's wars—The Colonel's Staff luncheon to the Centennial Legionnaires at Armoury House—dignity—rich in tradition—their sentiment toward their offspring the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston—mutual understanding—genuine sincere respect—London cabs—tour of London—The London Tube—air-shelters of World War II. Captain Leonard F. Plugge and his Lady entertaining us at their Town House, formerly Rothschild's Mansion, where one of the first bombs fell on London. The London Clubs—Bert Meadows, Rico Dajou and their famous 21 Room at Chesterfield Residential Club. British Noblewomen and flower girls stopping us "GIs" to shake hands—wishing we were always in England—we always will be in thoughts—salutes from civilians in the streets—tram-drivers wave—Strand and Piccadilly

lit up again—American plays with British casts—The music halls—The Cenotaph—where the Unknown Soldier lies—Supreme Sacrifice—in the midst of gayness we pause to pay tribute—the warmth of the personnel at Hospitality Center, London's official residence for honored guests—British Travel to wave us farewell at the airport—American Embassy farewells—The lump in our throats when we take off over London—the Union Jack floating proudly—a final reminder we know so well, "in blood, sweat and tears" of the heroic struggle and suffering of England—Pray God there will always be an England.

On to Holland. Sabena's splendid pilots—Zuider zee Dyke of fairy-tale fame—the Amstel—windmills of the Netherlands—U. S. Embassy officials to meet us at the airport as in London—the attache formerly of 1st Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry, Centennial Legion—official car transportation to the Embassy at The Hague—meeting with our Minister Steer, his warmth of welcome—guides us through conferences with the War Minister of the Netherlands—the American West Point Colonel, Military Attache—old friendships renewed—Cabinet of Ministers agree to request for review of Centennial Legion in 1950 by Her Majesty Queen Juliana—The Embassy luncheon—Minister Steer's chauffeur who'd been in the underground—courageous—the Dykes of Holland—the canal-boat rides—wooden shoe pedestrians—bicycle riders waving "hello"; old and young—millions of bicycles—the Hotel Amstel with its Old World courtesy—Dutch school-children who take care of American soldier graves—Jonkheer W. H. Calkoen, the newspapermen and broadcasters—C. A. de Vries—the American Businessman's Club—The Director Public Relations, City of Amsterdam acting for the Mayor of Amsterdam who is in the States; P. J. Mijksenaar, LL.D.—loading us with hospitality and are we tired—we can sleep back home—sightseeing—the smallest house in Amsterdam—The Palace—home of H. M. de Koningin—tulip bulbs and more canal-boat riding—Dutch restaurants—Holland and living amongst its friendliness—too soon we must take off for Paris—Mijksenaar escorting the Embassy cars—last toasts at the Airport and farewells—The never-to-be-forgotten grand gentleman in his colorful uniform at the airport, H. Kuit, guide for Thos. Cook & Son—Again via SABENA we take off—the Fortress Holland fading below—on to Paris!

We glimpse the Eiffel Tower—Le Bourget—thoughts of an emissary of Good Will Lindbergh—carnivals en route pointed out by our Embassy Attache at the airport to greet us and escort us to the Crillion Hotel—People of France—individualistic, gay and determined—surviving against odds—reborn in pain and grief—binding up its wounds—back to work—a formidable champion of human rights and dignity—Our American Ambassador's welcome—the U. S. Marines at the gate of the Embassy. A feeling of pride they are there. The Military Attache's—Young Boulton of the Embassy and his all-out effort to make our stay a pleasant experience—Paris at night—Folies Bergere—Harry's Bar—The Latin Quarter—Life's never boring in Paris—Strolling along the Seine—The Boulevards—Champs Elysees—Paris Taxi drivers—the Louvre—gastronomic art—amusements—The Arc de Triomphe—The Eternal Flame—our American Embassy escort to the airport—Paris au revoir—take-off SABENA

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Come to Britain WITH THE LEGION

You are planning to do us great honor... you of the Centennial Legion of Historic Military Commands.

And we in Britain look forward to the arrival, next April, of your goodwill contingent, led by the Putnam Phalanx, as *our* great chance to honor *you*.

Besides being officially greeted, with traditional British color and ceremonial, you will also be met, wherever you go, with the warmest of unofficial welcomes.

For many of you, during two World Wars, were with us as comrades-in-arms. And now—even as you join in returning our colors captured by your forbears—you know well you will hold forever the place *you* captured in our hearts.

So join in! Let's get together. To enroll for this friendly, holiday invasion, see your Commandant.



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Advance Detail and Welcoming Group at Bastogne



Civilians Center. Jacques E. La Grange, Secretary General Belgian American Asso. Captain J. R. May, Liaison Officer to Arrangements Committee from Belgian Government.



City Hall at Bastogne. Civilians are, (left to right) Wife of Governor of the Province of Bastogne, Burgomaster of the City of Bastogne, Secretary General, Belgian American Association, Mrs. Hilda La Grange, Belgian American Association.

—from the air large industrial cities of France—Museum towns—quiet, dreamy villages dot the countryside—On to Belgium.

Down at Brussels—U. S. Embassy Officials to welcome us—Arthur Haulot, Commissaire General au Tourisme and Ministere de Communications, to greet us—promises us the Freedom of the Cities—all Audrey de Bleeker claims him to be—Fernard J. Martens, United States Manager SABENA AIRLINES, has flown from New York to toast our arrival—Captain Bob May, official Liaison Officer of the Belgian Government, attached to us for duration of stay—an ever alert source of all information—Brig. Gen. Clare H. Armstrong, U. S. A., magnetic personality from the Embassy and the Official Reception by the Commanding General of the Belgian Army Beernaerts; Commanding Officer of the Belgian West Point. Toasts to Heads of Government—Toast to our own Clare Armstrong whom the Belgians call the Savior of Antwerp—The City Hall at Brussels—Reception by the Burgomaster—The American Embassy luncheon—Our Minister there and his Lady—Alice Hager and W. Paul O'Neil of the Embassy Staff efficiency plus—The Palace Hotel manager and his effort to please—the formal Head Waiter—Flower Mart outside the hotel—Sabena Airline Officials—Doctor Gaetan Jannone from Rochester, New York; Cook's top Brass in Belgium and his aide Henry Hodkinson—Another day—Ghent; official respects to the Burgemeester—a gentleman of the Old School—More Toasts—The Mayor relates American and Belgian History—explains paintings more famous than time—famous masters—G. Vander Sluys points out interesting spots of town—buildings and names of world interest—luncheon—the restaurant of I. Victor Roufosse, President of Belgium's Hotel and Restaurant Association—Roufosse, a replica of Man Who Came To Dinner Monty Woolley! Stars and Stripes flying alongside Belgium's colors wherever we go throughout Belgium—On to Bruges, the Art Town of Belgium and the world—Victor Van Hoestenbergh, Burgomaster der Stad Brugge, to greet our arrival—the usual pomp and ceremony in the City Hall—Jos Vermeulen, Alderman, banker and Chamber of Commerce Head, hosting the dinner party—Dr. Constantin Moulaert, Attorney-at-Law, and others spearheading the Welcome to Ghent. Pedestrians cheering the Americans—the passerby who thrust Longfellow's poem in English in my hand, "The Belfry of Bruges"—pictures of the famous American General McAuliffe who made famous "NUTS." The chimney piece in the Palais de Justice—Church of Notre Dame—Cloister of St. John Hospital—Quai du Miroir—Place du Theatre—the little Bear mounted in 1417—The Belfrey—many, many other places of Art and Historical interest—and The Swans.

Jacques E. LaGrange, Secretary General of the American Belgian Association, heroic Belgian and his admirable wife Hilda, equally brave who arrange the trip to BASTOGNE. LaGrange invites the CENTENNIAL LEGION to assist in the Dedication on behalf of Minister van Zeeland and Ambassador Silvercruys—our gratitude and feeling of honor—BASTOGNE—the scene of magnificent heroic Free Men—outnumbered and surrounded—determined to fight—win or be hopelessly broken—76,890 Americans killed and wounded—no other soil the earth over with more American spilled blood.

Belgium Remembers

On July 7, 1946, a casket containing soil from the Ardennes countryside over which the battle was fought was taken to Washington by delegates of the American Belgian Association. Belgian Ambassador Baron Silvercruys presenting the casket to President Harry Truman said, "Mr. Truman, you will note the inscription 'BELGIUM WILL REMEMBER.'" In July 1945, a group of Belgian personalities, headed by Minister of State, Georges Theunis, former Prime Minister and Ambassador-at-Large in the United States, and former Prime Minister Mr. Paul van Zeeland, founded the Belgo-American Association, a non-profit organization. Its main purpose to maintain and develop ties of friendship, exchange cultural assets, expand trade and good will between our two countries. The association immediately set to work for the erection in BASTOGNE of a Memorial in honor of the American Forces who shared in the Belgium Liberation. A special fund was raised in Belgium for the purpose.

Bastogne Memorial

Formed into an American Star. Overlooks the city of Bastogne—Condensed story of Battle of the Bulge written by Colonel Marshall, U. S. A., on its walls—Names and insignia of principle U. S. Units which participated in the battle.

Advance Detail Arrives at Bastogne

A solemn tribute to the American Nation. All veterans of World War I and II invited to participate in dedication—British, Netherlands and French governments to send delegates—Perry Brown, National Commander of the American Legion 1949, acknowledges cordial invitation to participate in a letter to Belgium, 29 June 1949—All these notes and many more LaGrange and his war-weary Lady place before us—LaGranges—impressive, significant and magnificent—The Town Hall at Bastogne—Burgomaster of the City of Bastogne toasts the United States—its Citizens—The downpour of rain—The Clergyman with bald pate, sandals and flowing robes walking to meet the Centennial Legion Detail—Inside the Town Hall more Clergymen—The interior impressive in its stark simplicity—the wooden seats—Burgo-



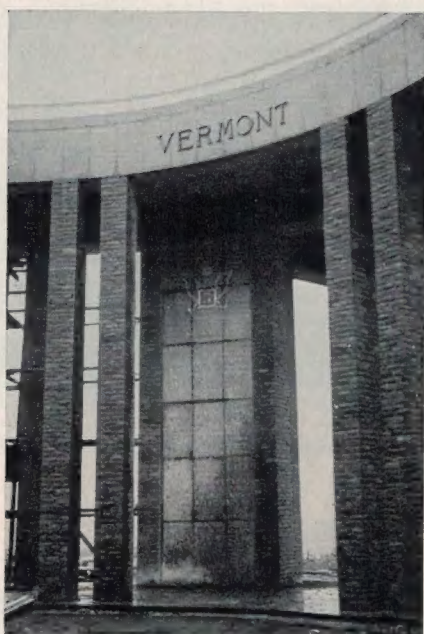
Dr. Pierre Renquin, Burgomaster of the City of Bastogne, welcoming the Advance Delegation at luncheon in Hotel Lebrun, Bastogne.



Standing left to right: Jacques E. LaGrange, Secretary, Belgian American Association; Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Sam E. Dockrell, Putnam Phalanx, thanking the citizens of Bastogne for their reception. Lady far left back to camera is Baronne Rene Greindl, widow of wartime Governor of Bastogne who died in a concentration camp.



American Star Shaped Memorial under construction at Bastogne



View of State Memorial at Bastogne



Memorial at Bastogne. Dr. Pierre Renquin, Burgomaster De La Ville De Bastogne center of picture. Jacques E. La Grange, right of the Burgomaster. The other civilians are not identified.



Workmen at Memorial who loaned their coats to the Arrangement Committee when the downpour of rain broke out at Memorial.

master Dr. Pierre Renquin, victim of Concentration Camp—Head of the “Underground,” welcomes us profusely—youthful, yet old—he has lived and carries visible signs of Nazi torture—forceful, ardent—a Symbol.—The wife of the Governor of the Province—beautiful—a Lady of Belgium—The courageous Countess of Bastogne—her mansion, the Isle La Hesse—known to all Belgians as Baronne Rene Griendl—she autographs her book for the Centennial Legionnaires—a heart-wringing story of Christmas during the Siege—Captain Bob May, Sabena Liaison Officer, relating exploits of the members of the Underground gathered to welcome us here—The Monks and cultural groups surround us—Political representatives—American and Belgian colors side by side in the drenching rain—The luncheon at Hotel Lebrun—Heavy hearts filled with the emotion of it all grow lighter with the friendliness of the peoples of Bastogne—Quaintness—Genuineness—Brave men and women of Bastogne—Children of Bastogne shouting “NUTS”—a great tribute—a great people. LaGrange promising all veterans will be guests of honor at dedication—Guests of Brussels, Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Liege and other famous Belgian cities. La Grange impressing upon us the honor they will feel if we accept. We are overwhelmed by the manifestations from the man in the street—the address of welcome remains in our minds—we embark in the limousines—we know our boys have not died in vain—they still live in the hearts and souls of the Belgians—We have seen BASTOGNE—AN AMERICAN STAR.

On to LeNamurois. We are interrupted en route by Lt. Col. G. M. Danlov, commanding officer of the Belgian Regular Army Commandos. He invites us to his Headquarters—Dinner is ready—we regret we cannot partake—time is running out on us—the good people of LeNamurois have been waiting through lunch—dinner—cocktails and now it nears eleven at night—they still wait in the lobby of the Town's Hotel—we are begged by telephone to just stop by for a handshake—they await the Americans—We toast the “Commandos”—the Commanding Officer pilots us to LaNamurois—We enter the lobby—the lateness of the hour—expectant faces light up—the weariness vanishes—we are here—they are glad—we are proud and happy that we stopped—we can sleep when we get back to the States! The welcome is not dim—tall tales are exchanged—the inevitable toasts—the deep sense of welcome we feel—men and women of the Underground—Folks who have served in one capacity or another with the U. S. Armed Forces—The people of Namur expects us back—they will watch for our return—count the days—gardens of Namur—soft slope of her hills—her forests and thickets where silence is solemn—the ride back to Brussels—deep in thought—we have seen the very soul of Bastogne.

We take off at Brussels. Down at Shannon—Down at Newfoundland—a snappy salute to Lance Michaelis—present arms to Sabena for their inspiring and flawless flight crews—down at Idlewild, U. S. A., our country—Thank God for our United States—and that we are Americans—reawakened to what our citizenship means—we have a renewed consecration to the fellowship of our Allies. Security in mutual cooperation and respect—inspiring thoughts of our gallant troops in the ETO. A feeling of extreme gratefulness to our United States Senator Brien McMahon who went all out in his effort to make the preliminary trip such a success.

Operation Friendly

TWENTY-THREE YEARS AGO Centennial Legion units made its first friendly invasion of the European Continent. Since 1926 the world has undergone another great war. It has witnessed the disappearance of the League of Nations and the growth of the United Nations. It has seen many changes in politics and many changes in national friendship. But next year the Legion again will send hundreds of its representatives in another effort to promote good will and understanding between the United States and the nations of Europe.

As there have been political changes, so have there been mechanical changes. In 1926 a Legionnaire had no choice but to go by sea. Today he is offered the choice of the week-long trip by boat on an over-night hop on one of the huge 300-mile-per-hour Clipper planes operated by Pan American World Airways, the airline that was the first to begin scheduled service across the Atlantic.

Pan American is setting up a special airlift for the Centennial Legion, to be called Operation Friendly. On March 29 and March 30 of next year, plane after plane will take off from the United States loaded with the members of the Legion. The last plane will leave United States soil six days after the departure of the boat on which other Legionnaires will sail and will arrive in London the day before it docks.

Travel by Clipper will make it possible for Legionnaires to extend their stay in Europe or, by leaving early, see a bit of Europe before the scheduled activities begin. There are six days leeway between the ship and plane departures and ten days leeway between the end of cere-

monies and April 30th, the day Legionnaires must return to U. S. soil.

The airline ticket will permit a Legionnaire to extend his stay in Paris or London or make additional stops in Belgium and Ireland without extra transportation cost.

Pan American Airways has been designated official carrier for the Centennial Legion in General Order No. 2. The airline first began operations across the Atlantic in 1939. It is known as "the world's most experienced airline" and was responsible for the development of many, if not most, of the radio, navigational and mechanical methods which make possible trans-Atlantic travel.

The company operates both the speedy Constellation-type Clippers and the huge and spacious double-decked Clippers. Excellent free meals are served to all passengers and bar service is available throughout the trip. Side trips can also be made with the members of the tour returning later than April 21. The tour will cover all the major functions and parades in London, Amsterdam and Brussels, together with the climax ceremony at Bastogne on April 18, 1950.

Pan American has set aside space on its double-decked luxury Clippers, which provide the most comfortable air crossing of the Atlantic available.

Those who go by air will have the advantage of two extension tours, one to Paris and the other to Rome. The basic tour will cost approximately \$900. The extension tour including Paris costs approximately \$985. Both Rome and Paris will cost approximately \$1150.

Operation Friendly will deliver by Clipper the men of the Centennial Legion to a Europe that needs to know how closely we stand with them against the threat of the Iron Curtain and how close we are to them.

ITINERARY OF OPERATION FRIENDLY

THIS ITINERARY has been especially prepared by a committee of the Centennial Legion. Membership in the Pilgrimage is available only to members of the Centennial Legion and guests they might wish to invite to accompany them.

The Main Party will leave New York or Boston by air on March 29 and March 30 and the sea contingent will leave New York on March 23 per the SS WASHINGTON.

Parades and other military functions in London, Amsterdam and Brussels will be arranged by the Centennial Legion. Details of this do not appear in the itinerary but will be announced at a later time. There will also be sightseeing trips arranged in the various cities for those who wish to take them and this information, together

with the small additional cost, will be announced when the program of social and military functions is advised.

A high spot of the Pilgrimage will be attendance at the ceremonies at Bastogne when the monument commemorating the Battle of the Bulge is unveiled on April 18, 1950.

Full details regarding the previous Legion Tour is outlined in the Centennial Legion Magazine summer 1949 edition.

If further information is required this can be obtained from us or from Brig. General Fred E. Pereira, Chief of Staff, address Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, Faneuil Hall, Boston, Massachusetts.

In addition to the itinerary and specifications, etc., you will find enclosed a circular with much helpful information and an application for membership in the Expedition. The application for membership should be completed by

all who elect to go and should be returned to General Pereira with \$150 deposit per person. The balance being payable six weeks prior to departure from the United States.

There is considerable demand for air and sea reservations at about this time. It is therefore requested that you make your decision before the end of the month as the transportation companies require that a deposit be paid by that time to hold reservations definite.

We cannot quote exact fares owing to the late change in the itinerary, but the approximate cost per person would be as follows:

Approximate fare for Main Party by air..	\$900
Approximate fare for membership in the Main Party plus Extension Tour A to Paris by air	985
Approximate fare for membership in the Main Party plus Extension Tour A to Paris by sea	900 (including steamer reservation valued at \$365.75)

Approximate cost of membership in the Main Party plus extension Tour A to Paris plus Extension Tour B to Rome by air	1150
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It is pointed out at this time that the fares are approximate and subject to nominal adjustment either way.

We cannot place too much stress on the fact that a decision is required at once.

Travel Schedule

March 24	Sail from New York per United States Line SS WASHINGTON. (See Note)
March 29 and March 30	Leave New York by one of the splendid trans-Atlantic Airliners of Pan American World Airways, Sabena, K.L.M. and BOAC.
March 30 and March 31	Arrive in London by air.
March 31	Arrive Southampton per SS WASHINGTON continue by boat train to London.

All Groups Consolidate in London

April 1 to April 5	In LONDON.
April 6	To Amsterdam via Harwich and Hook of Holland or another route may be substituted without notice.

April 7 and April 8	In AMSTERDAM.
April 9	Rail to Brussels.
April 10 to April 18	In BRUSSELS. On the 18th, motor coach will be provided to transport members of the Centennial Legion from Brussels to Bastogne to attend the unveiling ceremonies of the Monument commemorating the Battle of the Bulge.
April 19 and April 20	Leave Brussels by Trans-Atlantic airliner for New York.
April 20 and April 21	Arrive New York.

Extension Tour-A to Paris

April 19	By rail to Paris.
April 20 to April 23	In PARIS.
April 24	Leave Paris by air.
April 25	Arrive New York.

April 20 to April 29	In Paris.
April 30	Rail to Havre and sail per SS WASHINGTON.
May 7	Arrive New York.

Extension Tour-B to Rome

March 29 to April 23	Itinerary as in Main Party plus Paris Extension Tour A.
April 24	By air to Rome.
April 25 to April 29	In ROME.
April 30	By trans-Atlantic airliner to New York.
May 1	Arrive New York.

NOTE: Members who wish to remain in Europe either after the Main Tour or after completing any extension tour may do so. Those traveling by air must pay the difference in fare at the time the revision is made and before leaving the United States.

Those who travel by ship may arrange to use any of the steamship lines, joining the party in London. However, all steamship accommodation to and from Europe is subject to accommodation being available and obtainable.



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Her Majesty Queen Juliana to Review Centennial Legion

THE MINISTRY of Foreign Affairs of the War Department in Holland advises the Centennial Legion that Her Majesty's Ambassador in Washington has requested to be informed what facilities could be given to promote the purpose of OPERATION FRIENDLY.

It is understood that the American Ambassador at The Hague will be helpful in organizing ceremonies during the Legion's stay in the Netherlands. The Cabinet of Ministers in their meeting of October 15 have decided to agree in principle on the proposed visit and that further details will be studied. Her majesty, The Queen, has graciously consented in principle to review the parade.

On October 15, Brig. Gen. (Ret) Sam E. Dockell, along with General Fred E. Pereira, Colonel Edward J. Kane, Colonel Raymond A. Spitler and Lt. Colonel E. Dalton White, all of the Centennial Legion, had a conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at The Hague, at which were present the U. S. Charge d'Affaires and the Military Attache of the United States Embassy at The Hague. It was decided that for historical reasons, specifically, because the Old Guard of New York is identified, more or less, with Amsterdam, that the review of the parade by Her Majesty, The Queen would take place at Amsterdam. Otherwise, if this would present difficulties in the organization, it would be held at The Hague.

It was also expected that a Dutch army unit would open the parade, dressed in uniform harmonizing with those of their visiting colleagues. At the same time a Netherlands military band would take part in this parade. It is understood that a similar parade in Great Britain a detachment of one of the British Guard regiments will participate in full uniform.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has requested the War Ministry at The Hague to detach an officer of the Department to consult with the United States Military Attache at The Hague regarding the request of Centennial Legion who will also consider the lodging and transport of the participants.



Her Majesty Queen Juliana



*The Prince of the Netherlands,
Bernhard of Lippe-Biesterfeld*

The Director of the protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will also be in charge.

COLONEL THOMAS S. LANARD . . . Commanded State Fencibles Infantry, Philadelphia, 1913 to 1943. Commanded Centennial Legion 1926 to 1930. Author of many books with historic background including "One Hundred Years With the State Fencibles," "SPECTEMUR AGENDO" and "CAPTAIN Q." His last book (not yet published), "The Citizen Soldier," is based on the History of the Centennial Legion Commands from 1638 to 1948.

Dusting Off Cobwebs

By Colonel Thomas S. Lanard

THE OTHER DAY I saw on the counter of a store a new book of the War of 1812 by Francis E. Beirne, and I was rather astounded to find so much new material regarding what many writers call the "Country's most forgotten War." However, it prompted me to review my own files and see if I had anything which may be of interest to the Centennial Legion.

It is generally conceded that many of the charges made against Great Britain were later found to lack confirmation, nevertheless President Madison, threatened with loss of renomination and urged to action by a group of fiery young Congressmen led by Henry Clay—the "War Hawks" they were called—finally sent a strong message to Congress reviewing the British aggression and recommending War, so on June 18, 1812, War was declared by a very inadequately prepared nation. The regular Army was poorly drilled and officered, and New England, then a large section of the Country, was emphatically opposed to the conflict.

The first two years of the War brought about the disgraceful surrender of Detroit, the burning of Fort Dearborn and the Invasion of the Niagara Region ended likewise ingloriously in the capture of the entire American Force.

The defeat of Napoleon made it possible for the British to dispatch large reinforcements of veteran troops to America. The Americans, nevertheless, began a third invasion of Canada, which resulted in the indecisive Battle of Lundy's Lane, the bloodiest battle of the war. Later the British attempt to invade New York failed.

In an effort by the British to create a diversion, General Ross appeared at Washington in the summer of 1814, and after overcoming feeble resistance from what was supposed to be a superior American Force, he took the city and burned the capital.

Among the Units of the Legion in active service during the War of 1812 were the 5th Maryland in the defense of the City of Baltimore; the Veteran Corps of Artillery of New York, which manned the Forts and the Battery of



New York; the Richmond Blues, as part of the Corps d'Elite Brigade of Virginia in defense of Washington; the Newport Artillery in charge of the Battery at Easton's Point, Newport; the Pittsburg Blues (now the Washington Infantry) fought at Fort Meigs, while the State Fencibles of Philadelphia saw service as part of the Advance Light Brigade.

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After the burning of the City of Washington, General Ross with Admiral Cockburn, went up the Chesapeake Bay to attack the City of Baltimore. That city was guarded by Fort McHenry. All day and the following night (September 13, 1814) the enemy's ships hammered away with shot and shell at the Fort.

It was on this occasion that Francis Scott Key of Baltimore was a prisoner on board of one of the British men-of-war. Key was Aide-de-Camp to General Smith, who was in charge of the defense of Baltimore. Key had gone on board the flagship of the British fleet under a flag of truce to endeavor to secure the exchange of one of his friends, who had been taken prisoner by the British. Admiral Cockburn detained them a day and a night because he was about to attack Fort McHenry.

After the attack began all night long Key watched the bombardment of the Fort. By the flash of the guns 'tis said he could see the flag still waving over it. In the morning, when the mist cleared away, he found it "still there." His feelings of delight found expression in the song, which he hastily wrote in pencil on the back of an old letter, and gave to the country its most inspiring patriotic song, THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.

The flag of Fort McHenry, which inspired the National Anthem, is now on exhibition in the National Museum, on the south side of the Mall, Washington, D. C. Only a

part of the original flag remains, but it fills a large case against the west wall of the room.

By Presidential proclamation July 2, 1948, "Old Glory" flies night and day above Fort McHenry.

The Legend of North Point

When General Ross landed troops in 1814 at North Point the inhabitants of Baltimore and its vicinity had been busily employed in preparing to defend the city. The Maryland Militia, consisting of about nine thousand men, turned out to oppose the invaders.

There is an incident in connection with the Battle of North Point, which may be of interest.

The Militia dug trenches and threw up breastworks just on the outskirts of the city. There were two boys who wanted to fight with them, Daniel Wells and Henry G. McComas. They carried small rifles, while the Militia and Volunteers were armed with guns firing a musket ball and buckshot. When General Ross landed, he stopped for breakfast at a farmhouse about ten miles from the city. The Militia became impatient, left their trenches, went forward and met the General at Long-Log Lane about nine miles from Baltimore. The two boys, Wells and McComas, had gone ahead of the Militia and climbed a tree to witness the engagement. When General Ross appeared, the boys were attracted by his red coat and, as the story was then told, they took a shot at him causing a wound from which he died a short time after. Wells and McComas were killed during the battle. General Ross was carried aboard one of the ships of Admiral Cockburn's fleet and sent to England preserved in a cask of rum.

About September 1858, the patriotic citizens of Baltimore, desiring to commemorate the heroic act of the two boys, had, by popular contribution, raised enough money to erect a monument.

This monument is built of Baltimore County marble thirty-three feet high. The base consists of two granite steps laid on a brick foundation built over the remains of the youthful patriots.

The writer of this article was seated in the Officer's Club at the 5th Maryland Armory at Baltimore a few years ago, and an Officer of that Command told him the following sequel to the story.

About 1900 a man named Colston visited London and was permitted to examine the record of the autopsy made at the time the body of General Ross reached England and the record shows that General Ross was killed by ammunition called "Buck and Ball." That character of ammunition was fired by the Militia and was not the ammunition which would fit the guns carried by the boys, Wells and McComas, so they could have not shot the General.

Therefore, we have another example of the doubt, which has been thrown into one of our long cherished legends.

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In January 1933 the Armory of the 5th Maryland was destroyed by fire. In September 1935 the new Armory

was ready for rededication. Part of the program consisted of exercises at Fort McHenry commemorative of the 121st anniversary of the attack on that fort and the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner. That evening there was a military ball at the 5th Regiment Armory. On Saturday, September 14th, there was a military parade.

Units of the Centennial Legion present were: 1st Corps of Cadets and Band; Amoskeag Veterans; 1st Company Governor's Foot Guard and Band; Kentish Guards; 2nd Company Governor's Foot Guard and Field Music; Sedgewick Guards; United Train of Artillery; Bristol Train of Artillery; 2nd Corps of Cadets; Chatham Artillery; Richmond Light Infantry Blues and Band; Old Guard Infantry Corps; Seventh Regiment; Governor's Horse Guards; Old Guard of New York; Artillery Corps, Washington Grays; State Fencibles Infantry; 1st Infantry, Veteran Corps, Philadelphia, Pa.; 2nd Troop Cavalry, Philadelphia, Pa., New Haven Grays; 1st Light Infantry, Providence, R. I., and Band; Old Guard State Fencibles, Philadelphia, Pa., Essex Black Horse Troop and Band; Gate City Guard; Putnam Phalanx; Richmond Howitzers; 1st Light Infantry Veterans, Providence, R. I., Worcester Continentals; Veteran Guard, 3rd Regiment Infantry, Phila., Pa., and Band; Morris Guards; Veteran Corps, 5th Infantry Regiment, Baltimore; 5th Infantry Regiment, MdNG, and Band.

The Baltimore Sun, Sunday, September 15, 1935, said, in part, as follows:

"The Colors soared to the staff over the new Fifth Regiment Armory for the first time yesterday while 2,000 members of the Centennial Legion stood at attention, the climax of dedication exercises to which all the thirteen original states had loaned color and martial music. . . .

"Each of the Thirteen Original States was represented by one or more military units in the column. Clad in their respective full dress uniforms of various designs and colors, the troops presented a picturesque appearance, as they marched from the armory to the downtown section and returned to the plaza for the dedication exercises. . . .

"Officials estimated that more than 100,000 persons lined the route of march. . . .

"Figures of the familiar painting, 'The Spirit of '76', were brought to life for the occasion, the tableau being presented by the United Train of Artillery, of Providence, R. I., organized in 1775. . . .

"Most of the units wore uniforms which were designed during the Revolution. Although the Fifth Regiment turned out in full dress gray, its color-bearers and colorguards wore the uniform of Mordecai Gist's Baltimore Independent Cadets, organized in 1774. This consisted of a Colonial redcoat, buff breeches and waistcoat, high spats, white stockings, and a tricorne hat with cockade."

Among the dignitaries in the reviewing stand in the plaza were Governor Nice, Mayor Jackson, former Governor Ritchie, Morton McI. Dukehart, chairman of the Citizens' Committee, Colonel Frank A. Hancock, Com-

mander of the Fifth Regiment and the Centennial Legion, Brigadier-General Washington Bowie, Jr., Commander of the Fifty-eighth Brigade, and others.

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While in Washington the other day I met an old friend who still wears a Brass Hat in the War Department and I showed him the Spring Edition of the CENTENNIAL LEGION Magazine. The article which caught his eye was "EUROPE IN 1950." He told me he remembered a visit by the Honourable Artillery Company of London to this country almost a half century ago, and as quite a young man, he paraded with a State Militia outfit, when the London Company was entertained by the Old Guard of New York.

I recalled that I had a book on the History of the London Company and later was surprised to find a very interesting article on the visit. It states in part:

"The South African War having ended, finally, on September 23rd, 1903, a detachment of the Honourable Artillery Company, 163 strong, under Colonel The Earl of Denbigh, left Liverpool on a liner rechristened the 'Mayflower' for Boston, where they were accorded a wonderful reception and were the recipients of almost overwhelming hospitality. . . .

"They then visited Providence (Rhode Island), where they were most hospitably entertained to a form of banquet called a 'clam-bake' by the First Light Infantry Regiment of Providence. . . .

"Among other places visited were New York, West Point, Niagara Falls, Toronto and Montreal. . . . At New York the Company were escorted to their hotel by the Old Guard of New York and representatives of other military bodies, including the Governor's Foot Guard of New Haven (Conn.), The Newport (Rhode Island) Artillery Company, The First Regiment Minute Men of Washington (D. C.), The Bristol (Rhode Island) Train of Artillery, The State Fencibles of Philadelphia, The Amoskeag Veterans of Manchester (N. H.), The Governor's Foot Guard of Hartford (Conn.), The Richmond Blues, from Virginia, and the Cleveland Grays, from Ohio. That night the Companies feasted royally as the guests of the Old Guard, a corps whose hospitality is a byword in the States.

"The next landmark in the tour was a visit to Washington, where the detachment was received and entertained at the White House by President (Theodore) Roosevelt, who affixed his signature to the list of famous names in the Vellum Book. Returning by a different route to Boston, . . . then came the leave-taking. . . . The docks and shipping were black with people; the Union Jack waved beside the Stars and Stripes from the Bunker Hill Monument; bands played; factory whistles and ships' syrens sounded a farewell; and the tens of thousands of spectators took up the cadence of the 'regimental fire,'—that ninefold shout peculiar to the Company and of which the origin has been forgotten."

One evening on the radio not long ago I heard a garbled version of the capture of Fort Ticonderoga.

According to their historic narration a young hero and his fair lady, in broad daylight, while hiding behind one of the "rusty cannons," witnessed the entire surrender. I always understood that Ethan Allen landed just before daybreak and the British Commander rushed out in his night-shirt to hear Allen demand the surrender of the Fort. In the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress why is it necessary for these latter day so-called historians to try and rewrite our cherished historic monuments? But it is being done almost every day. Many instances could be cited such as the Betsy Ross and Fort Stanwix controversy regarding the Flag, covering other well known American Heroes and Heroines. It requires but little to start an argument as to whether Paul Revere ever made his famous ride, or did Hanna Dustin, while a captive of the Indians at Contoocook, New Hampshire, get possession of a tomahawk and split the heads of ten sleeping Indians and thus escaped to carry home the bloody scalps; or when the British Army entered Washington in 1814 did Dolly Madison, wife of the President, when she was preparing to leave the city, remember that two most important items had been forgotten. One was the famous Gilbert Stuart Portrait of Washington, the other the Declaration of Independence. It is said she ordered the Portrait to be removed from its frame, and broke the glass of the case in which the Declaration was kept, rolled up the precious paper, entered her carriage and was driven away.

Just a few days ago someone leveled a forty-four M.M. gun at the almost century old story of Barbara Frietchie, heroine of the poem by John Greenleaf Whittier, claiming the Flag incident never happened. Whittier is said to have based his poem on a letter written him by Mrs. Southworth, a novelist, who stated that she obtained her story from a woman who was in Frederick at the time and knew Barbara Frietchie. Barbara Frietchie herself did exist and was a native of Lancaster, whose family moved to Frederick, Maryland. The article went on to state that research by Johns Hopkins University and testimony of an eye-witness tend to show the incident did not occur; that Mrs. Frietchie (her maiden name was Hauer), was bedridden at the time and would have been incapable of holding a Flag; that the troop of Stonewall Jackson passed through the town when the inhabitants were sleeping. Another account says the Flag was waved by a woman named Mrs. Mary Quantrell.

You may take this latter version if you desire, but for me I will still join with Whittier in:

"Shoot if you must, this old gray head
But spare my country's flag," she said.

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Did you ever hear of the hobby of collecting old buttons? If not you should read a new book on the subject written by Lillian Smith Albert, "A Button Collector's Second Journal." This hobby of searching in out-of-the-way places for old buttons is most interesting as well as



Col. Thomas Casey Greene introducing Gen. Frank A. Hancock to Governor John O. Pastore



Col. Thomas Casey Greene, Marshal, James W. Tingley, Jr., Adjutant, Governor John O. Pastore and Honorary Staff.



Veteran Corps of Artillery S. N. Y. being inspected by Col. Thomas Casey Greene and Governor John O. Pastore at the 175th Anniversary of the Kentish Guards at East Greenwich, Rhode Island.



Inspecting the troops

Kentish Guards Celebrate

By Brig. Gen. (Ret) Frank A. Hancock
Editor-in-Chief

ON OCTOBER 29, 1949, the Kentish Guards of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, celebrated their 175th Anniversary in a series of colorful ceremonies. At 11 A.M. the Armory of the Kentish Guards was opened for the registration of the visiting units and after registering, the Unit joined the others on the floor and a very pleasant hour was spent meeting old acquaintances, making new ones and getting acquainted generally.

At this time, Governor John O. Pastore of Rhode Island, and his staff arrived and was received by Col. Thomas Casey Greene of the Kentish Guards who presented the Governor to all the visitors. The Governor remained until the entire program was completed, late in the evening.

At 12:30, a very fine and bountiful buffet luncheon was served and enjoyed by all.

After luncheon the parade got under way. Col. Greene carried the saber of Gen. Nathaniel Greene and also wore his sash; the musket, which Gen. Nathaniel Greene smuggled out of Boston in the stormy days just before the Revolution, was carried by Sgt. Maj. Philip Peckham. Col. Allen of the Varnum Continentals, carried the saber of General Varnum, who carried it in Revolutionary days.

When the parade reached the south end of town, the chimes of St. Luke's Church began to play and for the next ten minutes well known church music rang out. When the parade reached the church and was about to enter, the chimes, played by Thomas Casey Greene, Jr., the young son of Col. Greene, pealed out "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and it was extremely well played.

The church was filled to capacity and the sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Glanville Gaylord Bennett, D.D., Episcopal Bishop of Rhode Island, and assisting in the services were Rev. John L. Pickells, Rector of the church, and Rev. Ralph E. Henard, Chaplain of the Guards. During the services, a memorial service was conducted by the Adjutant, Capt. James W. Tingley, Jr., in memory of Col. Albert H. Hall and Col. Thomas Allen, two former commanding officers who passed away since the last anniversary.

Their 175th Anniversary

Following the church services, the military units marched to the old Academy field, on which the Kentish Guards drilled before the Revolutionary War. Here they were reviewed by Governor Pastore, Col. Greene and Brig. Gen. Hancock.

The weather was fine and the troops in their colorful uniforms, symbolic of the periods of their origin with their colors flying in the breeze and martial music played by the Kentish Guards Band and the Warwick Drum and Bugle Corps made an inspiring and delectable spectacle, that will long live in the memories of the spectators.

The troops now moved to the Kentish Guards Armory where a reception was held, with the Governor and Col. Greene in the receiving line.

In the evening at 7 o'clock a most excellent banquet was served in the Varnum Continentals Armory with all the military units present in their colorful uniforms and the toasts were drunk in champagne. The speakers were William Greene Roelker, who received the history of the Kentish Guards, Governor Pastore and General Hancock.

All of the various events were carried out with precision and dispatch and all present will always remember the 175th Anniversary of the Kentish Guards as one of their most pleasant experiences.

The following units of the Centennial Legion were represented: Ancient and Honorable Art. Co., Boston 1638; Newport Art. Co., 1741; First Co., Governor's Foot Guard, Hartford 1771; Fifth Regt. (175) Md. N.G. 1774; Lexington Minute Men 1775; 2nd Co. Governor's Foot Guard, New Haven 1775; United Train of Art., Vet. Assn., Providence 1775; Bristol Train of Art. 1776; 1st Co. Governor's Horse Guards, West Hartford 1788; Veteran Corps Art. New York, 1790; Fusilier Veterans Assn. 1787; State Fencibles Inf. Phila., 1813; 1st Light Inf. Regt. Providence 1818; New Haven Grays 1818; Old Guard State Fencibles, Phila., 1819; Old Guard City of New York, 1826; National Lancers Boston 1836; Putnam Phalanx, Hartford 1858; Veteran Corps 1st Inf. Pa. N.G., Phila., 1861; 1st Light Inf. Vets. Providence 1861; Worcester Continentals 1876; Veteran Corps 5th Md. 1888; Varnum Continentals 1907; Old Guard Battalion Gate City Guard, Atlanta, Ga. 1911; Old Guard City of Philadelphia 1917.



Kentish Guards



Lexington Minute Men and Second Co., Governor's Foot Guard



National Lancers and Putnam Phalanx



*Old Guard, City of New York, 175th Anniversary
Kentish Guards*



*1st Co. Governor's Foot Guard and 5th Infantry (175)
Maryland National Guard*

CITY OF LIÈGE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Liège, Belgium
December 1, 1949

To the Mayor
City of Hartford
Sir:

We have heard with pleasure that the "Centennial Legion" is planning a trip to our country on the occasion of the inauguration of the American memorial at Bastogne, on April 23, 1950.

This pilgrimage to your dead, who have died gloriously in the heroic defense of Bastogne, fills us with deep emotion in memory of the great sacrifices made for the liberty of the world.

I wish to offer the welcome of the city of Liège to the members of this trip to Belgium, and have been informed that a good number of them are citizens of Hartford.

Liège, principal center of the Wallonie, will be proud to receive your fellow citizens and to offer them a welcome worthy of their gallantry. It will be our pleasure to offer to your soldiers the happy gratitude of our whole population that has not forgotten its liberation by American units.

We thank you in advance for interpreting our sentiments to the local veterans' organizations of the "Centennial Legion."

Very truly yours,

Signed: PAUL GRUSELIN, Mayor

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

50 WEST 77TH STREET, NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

Many thanks for your gracious letter of March 4th in which you invite the endorsement of our organization for the proposed Good Will Trip to Europe contemplated by the Putnam Phalanx of Hartford.

It is a pleasure to extend to you in this matter the complete cooperation of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America. We are confident that the journey to London that you visualize will constitute a valuable contribution to the close relationships between our own country and those of our great former allies.

Sincerely yours,

MYER DORFMAN, National Commander

NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

At a time when the National Guard needs all the support that it can get, your interest and very generous action in publishing information on the Guard in the interest of national security is deeply appreciated.

E. L. SMITH, *Major, NGB*
Chief, Information
National Guard Bureau

THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

I write to acknowledge, with thanks, the Centennial Legion, which has been placed on file in the Periodical Department.

The Free Library will be glad to receive all future numbers as issued, if you can add its name to your free mailing list. Hoping that you may be in a position to consider this request favorably.

LILIAN HANSON
Head, Periodical Department

ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Thank you for the copies of *Centennial Legion* recently sent to this library. We are glad to note the tribute paid to General Hancock.

We shall be glad to have the name of this library placed on your mailing list for complimentary copies.

EMERSON GREENAWAY, *Director*

CITY OF MONS OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Mons, Belgium
December 7, 1949

To the Mayor
City of Hartford
Sir:

We hear from the Office of Transportation, Tourist Office, that groups of American veterans from the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Georgia, as well as from the cities of Boston, Hartford and Atlanta, are planning to arrive in Belgium next Spring to assist at the inauguration of the American monument at Bastogne, April 23, 1950.

We will be happy to welcome these delegates if they will come to Mons, the capital of the Hainaut, one of the 9 provinces of Belgium.

Our city is one of the oldest in the country. Its name "Mons" stands for "mountain" in Latin; its origin dates back to the Roman conquest by Julius Caesar in 57 B.C. Although its population is only 27,000, Mons has retained from its brilliant past a number of beautiful monuments and historical memories.

Among the events of our past touching particularly your great country, I will recall the fact that in 1624 the founders of a Huguenot colony left our old county of Hainaut, a colony that became three centuries later your great city of New York. Many of those original colonists came from Mons.

The last war has established new and solid ties of friendship between the citizens of Mons and the gallant American soldiers. On Saturday, September 2, 1944, in the early evening, Mons was entered by the advance guard of the famous American "Spearhead" or 3rd Armored Division, under the command of the admirable Major General Maurice B. Rose, who was later killed in action near Paderborn, Germany, in April, 1945.

Group A of this famous division, under the command of Brigadier General D. L. Hickay, and composed mainly of the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion and the 32nd Tank Regiment, occupied the region of Mons, when sizable German forces split the armored division between Mons and the French border 8 miles to the South.

For two days, September 3 and 4, 1944, the battle raged to the South of Mons, and the various local groups of secret armed resistance cooperated with the American Army to fight the enemy. The very timely arrival of the 1st Infantry Division under the command of Major General Clarence Huebner transformed the undecided battle into a brilliant victory. We have had the pleasure of greeting M. Huebner and his family in Mons this year. 27,000 German prisoners were taken including 3 generals, 2000 vehicles taken or destroyed, and thousands of the enemy were killed or wounded.

The citation "Mons" is inscribed on the colours of the "Spearhead."

An interesting War Museum at Mons has assembled the relics of this great battle, the first to be fought by American troops on Belgian soil.

Since that date, our citizens have had no further chance to welcome American soldiers; they would be happy to greet those of you who come to Belgium this coming April.

Mons is situated less than 100 miles West of Bastogne, and the countryside between the two towns is very picturesque.

May we suggest that groups planning to visit Belgium next April include Mons in their itinerary; the citizens and I personally will gladly receive them as old friends.

Faithfully yours,

Signed: V. MAISTRIAU
Mayor and Ministre of State

Centennial Legion is attractive in appearance, the reading matter is very interesting and the pictures are splendid.

The Magazine is devoted to a very worthy purpose and you certainly have every right to be proud of it.

BRIEN McMAHON, *U. S. Senator*

THE EDITOR

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON

Your story of the plan of the Centennial Legion to make a good will visit to European countries next spring is very interesting, and I am glad that the Putnam Phalanx is planning to send a delegation on this good will trip.

There is no question but what closer relationships between the Western Democracies and the United States are desirable, and that such good will trips are of great value in developing better understanding between our peoples.

I hope your plans will turn out successfully, and will be much interested in hearing about the trip after your organization has returned.

Wishing you every success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

HERMAN W. STEINKRAUS, *President*

Your attention is invited to an error in the Date Column of the Roster of Commands, which appears in the Summer, 1949 issue of the Centennial Legion. The date of organization of the First Infantry, Virginia National Guard, shown as 1680 is incorrect. The correct date is 1628.

Attached hereto is Executive Order issued by the Governor of Virginia, which establishes the year 1628 as the historical date of the organization.

THOMAS I. NEALE, Jr.
CWO, 176th Infantry, Va. NG
Assistant Adjutant

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RICHMOND

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Upon recommendation of the Adjutant General of Virginia, based upon factual data compiled through painstaking research, the undersigned, Wm. M. Tuck, Governor of Virginia and Commander-in-Chief of the Militia, by virtue of the powers vested in the Commander-in-Chief of the Militia, does hereby establish the year 1628 as the historical date of organization of the First Virginia Regiment.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand as Governor of Virginia and have caused to be affixed the lesser seal of the Commonwealth at the Capitol in Richmond this 28th day of June, 1948.

WM. M. TUCK
Governor of Virginia

By the Governor:

Secretary of the Commonwealth

Certified True Copy
THOMAS I. NEALE, JR.
CWO, 176th Infantry, Va. NG
Assistant Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS OLD GUARD OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK STATE MILITIA

307 WEST 91ST STREET

NEW YORK

Referring to your letter of March 2nd, 1949 telling me about the suggested trip to Europe by Units of The Centennial Legion in either 1949 or 1950.

I have given this matter some thought and believe that in view of the lateness in 1949 that possibly 1950 should be the year selected.

The plan you propose looks alright to me and I hope that the Old Guard will be part of the party.

JEAN A. BRUNNER
Major, Commandant

MRS. KENNETH TROY TREWHELLA STATE REGENT

102 CONNECTICUT BOULEVARD

EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

To the majority of Americans who are adequately clothed and fed, most of whom find the means for a few luxuries, the privations of our good friends across the water are unreal.

The contemplated good-will trip to London of the Putnam Phalanx Combat Unit is planned to cement the friendship of long standing between our country and England. It can serve an even more important purpose. It can give to those men a deeper understanding of the problems of our friends of other lands and, having gained this knowledge, a deeper appreciation and thankfulness for their American Citizenship and the American Way of Life.

The Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution endorse this tour. May it prove to be a mutual benefit to all.

Sincerely,

DOROTHY D. TREWHELLA, *State Regent*

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Let me express our thanks for the copies of your Centennial Legion, which you kindly presented to the Library. We are glad to have the issue and to make it available for consultation.

We are very much interested in receiving this publication regularly. Will you be good enough to add the name of The New York Public Library to your complimentary list to receive the issues beginning with Vol. I. Any assistance you may extend to the Library will be appreciated.

R. A. BEALS, *Director*

HEADQUARTERS

RICHMOND LIGHT INFANTRY BLUES BATTALION

BLUES ARMORY

RICHMOND 19, VIRGINIA

I think the European trip is a fine thing.

I thoroughly enjoyed my trip to Europe with the Phalanx, Foot Guards and the Blues, and I know this one will be as enjoyable.

WM. G. WHARTON

Lt. Col. 176th Inf. Va. NG

Commanding, Richmond Blues

FIRST COMPANY GOVERNOR'S HORSE GUARDS OF CONNECTICUT

WEST HARTFORD

Your recent letter with reference to the Good-Will Trip to Europe was discussed with this Company—and it aroused considerable interest.

This sounds like a very worthwhile project, and it is possible that we could appoint a committee from this Company to work out the details with your Command.

ARTHUR J. BUSHELL

Major, Commandant

LEXINGTON MINUTE MEN

LEXINGTON 73, MASSACHUSETTS

I think this magazine is a fine idea. In the meantime, we wish to say that we are enthusiastically pleased, that our magazine, CENTENNIAL LEGION, is carrying on the great work of the former Bulletin. Relatively, few of our members have seen the Bulletin as it was distributed in such small numbers.

This organization, while resting on a Military basis, is as much an Historical, and partly Genealogical organization, all of which is combined in educational effort, therefore again, we endorse the CENTENNIAL LEGION MAGAZINE.

LEXINGTON MINUTE MEN, INC.

ALBERT G. FROTHINGHAM

Clerk and Historian

COMMENTS TO THE EDITOR

FIRST LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENT RHODE ISLAND MILITIA APRIL 7, 1949

I received your kind invitation to join with the Putnam Phalanx in a good-will trip to Europe. It might seem that such a trip were possible this year, but I now learn it will be necessary to postpone it to a later time. Doubtless many would like to take part in such a historic occasion, if possible to do so.

I think that you are entitled to great credit in proposing this trip, which would doubtless receive a warm welcome. I have been in London and Paris and seen, among others, the historic memorials you mention.

Doubtless, the Centennial Legion Magazine will present the matter of this trip to the members of the Legion generally.

WILLIAM M. P. BOWEN
Colonel, Commanding

HEADQUARTERS OLD GUARD CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

We have arranged plans for Europe. Do hope we can have a fine group, but represented, we will be nevertheless.

ALBERT E. HERRMANN, *Colonel*

HEADQUARTERS NEWPORT ARTILLERY COMPANY RHODE ISLAND MILITIA

Your communication concerning a trip to London, Paris, and Brussels has been received with enthusiasm by the members of the Newport Artillery Company. We would not be able to take many, but it would be somebody anyway and would be one more set of uniforms in the delegation.

THOMAS J. SMYTH
Commanding, Newport Artillery Co.

KENTISH GUARDS, R. I. M. EAST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND MARCH 26, 1949

Although we would be interested in the prospective trip abroad, we do not feel that we can take part in a trip in 1949, inasmuch, as we wish to put all our effort into our anniversary, financially and otherwise.

You do not state in your letter when the trip might possibly take place. I would be interested to know more definitely what your plans call for, such as the time of the trip, and so forth.

THOMAS C. GREENE
Colonel, Commanding

STADSBESTUUR VAN GENT COLLEGE VAN BURCEMEESTER EN SCHEPENEN Ghent, 6th December 1949

To the Honorable Mayor
of Hartford, U. S. A.
Sir:

The delegation of the Centennial Legion, headed by Brig. Gen. (Ret) Sam Edge Dockrell, visited our city on the arrangement committee of the proposed expedition for the spring of 1950.

We understand that a great number of citizens of your City will join the expedition and that a visit to Ghent is to take place on the 22nd April 1950, on the opening day of our wonderful flower show, the world-famed "Ghent Floraries."

Looking forward to this visit, which will honor us very much indeed, we extend to the Mayor of Hartford our heartiest greetings and have pleasure in sending a set of pictures of Ghent as a symbol of the good feeling existing between our peoples.

Ghent is proud of having had within her walls in 1814 the plenipotentiaries of the United States of America and Great Britain for the negotiation of the treaty of Ghent, signed here on the 24th December 1814, which put an end to the war of 1812 between the two great nations.

Ghent will be very proud next year to welcome, and fraternize with, the members of the Centennial Legion.

Pending this great pleasure, we are, Sir,

Very cordially yours,

THE BURCOMASTER

NATIONAL LANCERS

COMMONWEALTH ARMORY, ALLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

The "Operation Friendly" will be referred to the troop at our next meeting for their action on the same. Will advise you further as to the result.

LIEUTENANT FRANCIS M. BRACKETT
Adjutant, Treasurer

HEADQUARTERS SECOND COMPANY GOVERNOR'S FOOT GUARD ORGANIZED 1775

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

I am going to take up the matter of the trip to Europe at our next meeting that will be held on Monday night, October 10th, and if you can make it we would be delighted to have you with us, because I know you can outline things in regard to the trip better than anyone else.

Wishing you every success and with kind personal regards,

ROBERT H. GERRISH
Major, Commandant

Happening to know of my interest in your Command, as a Veteran of the Air Service in W. W. No. 1, an American Legionnaire and an Honorary Captain in the independent Victor McLaglen Light Horse Cavalry Lancers and Motorcycles of this Area, Lt. Col. Commandant Francis E. Steers of the Veteran Corps Artillery, State of New York in a recent letter suggested that I write you direct for data and rosters of the Centennial Legion. Col. Steers forwarded me some very interesting data re: his famous Command.

As you are no doubt aware here in the Southwest, (my home is in Phoenix, Arizona) and on the Coast, we have no organizations comparable to your Commands and to my knowledge no command of the Centennial Legion has ever been west, during the War, on active duty in this area we had the 7th N. Y. Infantry as A.A. Atry. stationed here and elements of the 1st City Troop as 101st Armed Cavalry.

Most elements here run to uniformed civil mounted Sheriffs Poses in Charro or Cowboy gear and girls uniformed riding clubs, my command is the only one military in character, uniform and organization.

Would appreciate roster (3 copies) your Command with any brief description of bill of dress and history. Being of Revolutionary War Descent I collect data re crack military elements.

With the 1950 National Convention of the American Legion being held here in October, the writer expresses the hope that it would be possible en liaison with local posts and districts of the A. L. and in liaison with state military officers to have some detachments of the Commands of the Centennial Legion accompany their Posts and Districts as Escorts and Guards of Honor for the Parades and Pageants, The First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry formed Guard to the Standard and Escort and Guard of Honor to the National Commander and the President of the United States at the last Philadelphia Convention and your First and Second Companies of the Governor's Foot Guard of Connecticut have paraded for a couple of National Conventions.

With the Russian situation as it is, it would be a great thing to have these Historic Detachments here and show the West some of the Historic Commands from the East.

We have personally and unofficially taken up the idea by letter with our Executive Parade Marshal of the American Legion here.

Had the pleasure of seeing the photo of detachments of the massed Historic Commands taken at the Annual Old Guard of the City of New York Ball in the number of Life Magazine dated 14 February, 1949 and before that Life carried story and Photos of the Foot Guards.

Appreciating the courtesy and thanking in advance for any data forwarded, I remain, with the Compliments of the Holiday season to the personnel of your Commands.

K. W. HULTZ
*Gen., Del. Vet. Adm. Branch
Los Angeles 25, California*

Veteran Corps, First Regiment Infantry, N.G.P.

THE 1st Reg. Inf. Veteran Corps, N.G.P. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was organized on April 19th, 1861, from the Light Artillery Corps Washington Grays, which had service in the War of 1812 and from which date the First should claim. The 1st Reg. Inf. saw service in ten Civil War campaigns; service in the Spanish War 1898 and on the Mexican Border in 1916 as 1st Penna. Infantry; service in World War I as 1st Penna. Infantry and 109th U. S. Infantry 28th Division; service in A.E.F. in six principal campaigns from the Marne to the Argonne Forest, France 1917-1919. Returned home and were discharged from Federal Service in April, 1921. The First Regiment Infantry N.G.P. was converted over to an engineer regiment under designation 103rd Combat Engineers, N.G.P., and became the leading engineer regiment of the National Guard of the nation, participated in World War II as the 103rd Engineer Battalion (Combat) as part of the 28th Div. in 1st Army in Northern France, Hurtgen Forest, the Ardennes, the Rhineland, Colmar and Central Europe, 1941 to 1945 and was authorized to put 22 battle streamers on their colors.

This regiment has been in active duty since 1812 when the Washington Grays were first organized and are still in active service as the 103rd Engineers, N.G.P. On April 19th, each year, they hold their anniversary dinner at the Union League, Philadelphia, after a parade on Broad Street. This affair is one of the finest held in Philadelphia by a military organization. They maintain their own armory at Broad and Callowhill Streets in Philadelphia.

The officers of this regiment include some of the most honored and distinguished military men around Philadelphia. To be a member of the Veteran Corps one must have served in the Washington Grays, 1st Regiment Infantry, N.G.P., 109th Infantry U. S. Army; the State Guards or the 103rd Engineers, N.G.P. The officers of the 1st Regiment Infantry Veteran Corps, N.G.P., are as follows: Col. Jos. K. Nicholls, Commander; Gen. John M. Gentner, Senior Vice Commander; Major William H. S. Bateman, Junior Vice Commander; Capt. William A. Ruppel, Adjutant; Capt. Thomas Dunlop, Paymaster.



1st Reg. Infantry Veterans Corps N.G.P.

The company commanders are A. William Ryne, Thomas J. Fitzsimmons, Clifford A. Van Duyne, C. Collis Lyle, James N. Parker, Jerome Berkowitz, Horace E. Kelley, William Stahl, Harry S. Burr, Maurice J. Coleman, Thomas Dunlop and Benjamin G. Freeman. Two living past commanders are Col. Charles C. Allen and Col. Millard D. Brown, both of whom had distinguished Military Service in World War I.

Col. Nicholls appointed Capt. Harry S. Burr to take care of all Centennial Legion affairs and in the past two years he has attended almost every affair. He has taken colored pictures of all so that the Corps will have a living history of our great Centennial Legion and be able to show just what this Legion is, what these uniforms really stand for, and the great history back of them.

OLD GUARD OF NEW YORK PLAN 124th ANNUAL BALL

THE OLD GUARD of New York is very busy with its preparations for the 124th Annual Ball which will take place the last Friday of January 1950.

From present indications, this Ball will be even larger and better than the one held in January of 1949. Many of the Centennial Legion units are planning to be present at the Ball in the Hotel Commodore and also attend the annual meeting in the Old Guard Armory, Saturday, January 28th.

There is also a great deal of activity among the members of the Old Guard in the line of marksmanship. The

new rifle range which has been installed in the basement of the building is used almost every night in the week by some of the members and it is hoped that a very fine rifle team will be developed very shortly. The Old Guard will then be able to challenge other Centennial Legion Units.

A large detail of the Old Guard recently spent some days at the rifle ranges at Camp Smith in Peekskill, New York, and most of the men who went there, qualified as experts.

The 175th (5th Md.) Infantry Celebrates Its 175th Anniversary

By Brig. Gen. (Ret) Frank A. Hancock, *Editor-in-Chief*

THE 175TH INFANTRY REGIMENT celebrated its one hundred and seventy-fifth birthday in its Armory on the evening of December 3, 1949.

The evening's ceremonies began with a formal guard mount by the Regiment's 50-man honor guard in the Regiment's full dress uniform of grey with white cross belts, white fringed epaulets, white gloves and black shako hats with black ponns. Captain O. A. Nash, was O.D., Lt. Wm. Tucker, Adjutant, and Lt. W. Claypoole was O.G.

As the honor guard marched off, Lt. Colonel Chas. G. Cooley led a unit of 31 veterans of the 5th Infantry Veteran Corps in drill to the accompaniment of the 29th Division Band.

The colors of the units in the 29th Division were then paraded as Major Francis R. Dice narrated over the public address system a brief history of each unit. The units represented were the 116th Infantry Regiment, the

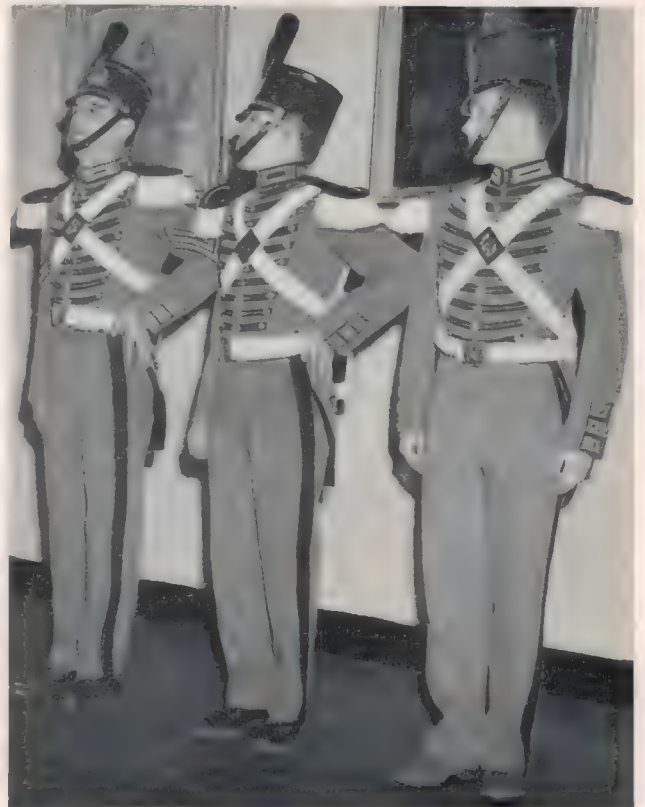
115th Infantry Regiment, the 110th Artillery Battalion, the 111th Artillery Battalion, the 227th Artillery Battalion, the 224th Artillery Battalion, the 104th Fighter Squadron, the 104th Medical Battalion, the 121st Eng. Comb. Bn., the 129th A.A.A. Bn., the 197th Heavy Tank Bn., and the 29th Division Special Troops.

The order was now given for the formation of the Regiment and four battalions, 1400 men in line, assembled on the drill floor facing the reviewing party. Colonel Wm. C. Baxter assumed command of his troops and presented them for inspection. General Gerow led the party on a brief inspection of the band, the four battalions and the assembled division colors.

Governor Wm. Preston Lane, then made an address in which he reminded the spectators, friends and veterans of the Regiment mainly, only a very few regiments have been in existence 175 years and the people of Maryland have a Regiment, the history of which they well can be proud.



5th Maryland Colonial Uniform.



5th Maryland Full Dress Group.

After the Governor's address, the colors to be decorated, carried by Sgt. Wilbur E. Plitt, were ordered before the reviewing party. The banner was dipped and General Gerow fixed the streamers to the head of the staff. The streamers commemorate 24 campaigns in which the Regiment participated.

Revolutionary War—Long Island, N. Y. (1776) Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, South Carolina (1780-81), North Carolina (1781).

War 1812—Bladensburg, Baltimore.

Civil War—First Manassas, Shenandoah Valley, Peninsula, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and Appomattox.

World War I—Meuse-Argonne and Haut-Alsace.

World War II—Normandy, With arrow head, Northern France, The Rhineland, Central Europe.

Over 2500 people admitted on invitations watched the ceremony. General Gerow in his remarks said:

"The names of the 24 campaigns commemorate the military history of the Regiment and America. It is a glorious story of heroism and self-sacrifice—first to win freedom for our nation and later, in four subsequent wars to preserve it for succeeding generations."

Mayor D'Alesandro of Baltimore then spoke and said: "The streamers are symbols of almost two centuries of gallantry on the part of the men of Baltimore and the State and no city or state has a richer heritage than ours."

The formal ceremonies closed with the Star-Spangled Banner and a march of the regimental troops before the reviewing stand.

In the reviewing party were, General Gerow, Commander, 2nd Army; Governor Wm. P. Lane of Maryland; Mayor D'Alesandro of Baltimore; Maj. General Robt. B. McLure, C. of S., 2nd Army; Maj. General Milton A. Reckord, Adjutant General of Maryland; Maj. General Wm. H. Sands, Commander, 29th Division; Brig. General Frank A. Hancock, former commanding officer of the 5th Regiment; Brig. General John K. Rice, Commanding Gen., Camp Holabird; Brig. General Harry C. Ruhl, Asst. Adj. Gen.

After the review of troops a reception was held for all guests to meet the general officers, Governor Lane, Mayor D'Alesandro and their wives. A cabaret dance for the entire Regiment closed the birthday party of the Dandy Fifth.

THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY

THE FALL FIELD TOUR OF DUTY held at Toronto, Canada from 30 September to 5 October, 1949 was held as is tradition in a British Setting.

The Parade was held on Monday 3 October when 200 members of the Company and an escort from the regular Canadian Army paraded through the main streets of Toronto to the City Hall where the Company was received by the Mayor, His Worship Hiram E. McCullum and other dignitaries. The Wreath was laid on the Cenotaph by the Commanding Officer, Colonel Edward J. Kane.

The 312th Banquet was held in the Royal York Hotel and was attended by both civil and military celebrities.

On Sunday 2 October, the Company was the guests of the Ontario Government at the Refectory, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

General Pereira and Col. Kane made the preliminary trip on the Committee of Arrangements for the Centennial Legion trip to Europe in 1950. While in London, the committee were the guests of the Honorable Artillery Company at Armory House. They were also taken on a personally conducted tour of the Tower of London.

Tuesday 1 November the TEN OF US CLUB (the playground of the Ancients) had a dinner party at the Hotel Kenmore. More than 200 members and guests enjoyed a New England "boiled dinner" and some wonderful entertainment.

The Lieutenant's Party, which is one of the few functions that women can attend, was held at the Tourraine Hotel on 11 January. Another Sergeant's party was also held in January.



Placing Wreath on Cenotaph, Toronto, Canada, 3 October 1949. Left to right: Col. Kane, Captain Comdg., His Worship Hiram E. MacCullum and Brig. Gen. Fred E. Pereira.



Ancients standing at salute as buglers play "Last Post" in front of the Cenotaph, Toronto, Canada 3 October 1949.

First Company . . . Governor's Horse Guards of Connecticut

1788 . . . A BRIEF HISTORY . . . 1949

WHETHER the Organization now known as the First Company Governor's Horse Guards was founded in Hartford, Connecticut in May 1778 or on May 29, 1788 will probably never be settled to the satisfaction of everyone concerned. A lithograph copy of what purports to be the original charter exists which bears the date 1778, and the History of the First Company Governor's Foot Guards states that they were originally called Governor's guards but that the word "Foot" was inserted in 1778 due to the organization of the Horse Guards. On the other hand the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut on May 29, 1788 pursuant to a petition by various citizens acted favorably on that petition and constituted the petitioners a "Troop of Light Dragoons by the Name of the Governor's Independent Volunteer Troop of Horse Guards." The petitioners were practically all veterans of the Revolution and maybe it would be best to say that they had been functioning unofficially before May 29, 1788 and around that time decided to ask for official recognition.

The first Major Commandant was John Caldwell who is supposed to have been the youngest charter member of the First Company Governor's Foot Guards which was founded in 1771. The first authenticated official appearance of the Horse Guards was on October 19, 1789 when President George Washington visited Hartford. His diary records "At Wethersfield we were met by a party of Hartford light horse, and a number of gentlemen from the same place with Col. Wadsworth at their head, and escorted to Bull's Tavern where we lodged." The American Mercury of October 26, 1789, relates: "The illustrious President of the U. S. with his suite arrived in this city Monday last escorted by the Governor's troop of Horse Guards dressed in an elegant uniform, and by a large number of Gentlemen on horseback."

The outbreak of the Civil War naturally turned the eyes of the people to more serious military duties than those exemplified by the Governor's Guards. As always in time of war many of the Horse Guards members volunteered for active duty.

On May 8, 1888 the centennial celebration of the founding of the Horse Guards was made a great occasion. A long parade was held and a dinner at night with 400 guests.

The blowing up of the Maine on February 15, 1898 crystallized American sentiment into a demand for war on Spain. The First Company Governor's Horse Guards was the first organization in Connecticut to offer its services.

On March 6, 1911 the members of the First Company Governor's Horse Guards petitioned the Adjutant General for reorganization into a troop of cavalry attached to the Connecticut National Guard. This was immediately accepted by the Adjutant General and thus began the first of three periods of dual existence for the Horse Guards. Captain James L. Howard was elected Captain and Captain J. H. K. Davis was elected First Lieutenant. They trained under difficulty, built an armory with their own money and reached so high a state of discipline and efficiency that on completion of their tour of duty on the Border during the Mexican troubles in 1916 they were ranked as the equal at least of the regular outfits. They left the border on October 13, 1916 and little happened from then until the outbreak of World War I.

Shortly after that outbreak Troop B was split into two Troops, B and L. On August 21, 1917 after being Federalized, Troops B and L were made into the 101st Machine Gun Battalion which was a part of the 26th Division in all its operations. The 101st Machine Gun Battalion is entitled to wear on its color staff silver bands for Chemin des Dames, Toul, Champagne-Marne Defensive, Aisne-Marne Offensive, St. Mihiel Offensive, Troyon Sector, and Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

On October 30, 1940 the Horse Guards as a body enlisted in the Connecticut State Guard which had been started a month or two before to do home defense work when the National Guard should be called to Federal duty, as it was early in 1941. Thus began the third period of dual service which lasted until October 17, 1946 when the Horse Guards again took over as a separate unit.

In February, 1947 Major Davis was forced by ill health to resign and Arthur J. Bushell was elected Major Commandant. They now have an active membership of 75 of which 33 are World War II veterans, and an active associate membership of 38. Fully equipped and recruited to authorized strength, this Company is a specially trained, versatile unit which can be called upon in any civil or military threat to the state or nation.

Centennial Legionnaire Of The Year

SOMETIME EARLY in 1951 one of the 35,000 members of the 55 Historic Military Commands comprising The Centennial Legion will be chosen the Centennial Legionnaire of the year 1950.

He will be honored in a manner befitting the Centennial Legion at a gathering of notables in public, civilian and military life. He will be presented with a medal struck off for the occasion and will be given a framed parchment suitably engrossed.

The job of choosing the Centennial Legionnaire of the year is not going to be an easy one. The choice will be based on the inspiration given to a Command, the contribution to the regular training program and to the development of morale.

The honor may fall to anyone within the Command, regardless of his rank. An Award Committee is to be appointed and it will select judges who will sift out the nominations submitted by the Commands.

Further details of the Centennial Legionnaire of the year will be forwarded to the heads of the various Commands through regular channels in the near future.

This will be recognized as not an ordinary run-of-the-mill contest based on popularity. Rather, it should be regarded as a Command's choice of a person whose perseverance has enhanced his organization to the extent it has made it outstanding within The Centennial Legion.

ATLANTA OLD GUARD BATTALION SHOOT

A STEADY DRIZZLE punctured by occasional heavy down-pour failed to halt the annual rifle and pistol championship competition of the Old Guard Battalion of the Gate City Guard of Atlanta.

Lt. Col. R. C. Endicott retained the Guy Woolford rifle championship award for the second year in succession. He topped the field of slow and rapid fire at 1,000 inches with an aggregate total of 232 out of a possible 250. Captain Edmund B. Zachry was second with 226.

At rapid fire Colonel Endicott and Captain Zachry tied with 99x100 at rapid fire, both scoring a possible from the prone position.

In the pistol competition Lt. Col. E. Dalton White scored an impressive 93 with Lt. Col. Wyont B. Bean, who was range officer, and Lieut. Harold A. Dye, tied for second with 87 each.



Crack Shots—Five of the early shooters at the annual rifle and pistol championship match of the Old Guard Battalion of Atlanta, Ga. Firing are, left to right, Major Owen E. Collum, Lt. Bernie H. Hardman, Major Harold A. Dye, Lt. Col. Wyont B. Bean and Lt. Col. R. C. Endicott.

Endicott, Bean and Dye have all been members of the crack Camp Perry, Ohio, rifle team, often entering service competition.

After the annual shoot, members of the Old Guard, their wives and guests were entertained at a cocktail party and dinner.

Awards will be made to the winners of the different classifications during the annual meeting and dinner dance to be held in January.

High scores were as follows:

Pistol results (100 possible) Lt. Col. E. Dalton White, 93; Lt. Col. Wyont B. Bean, 87; Lt. Harold A. Dye, 87; Lt. Col. R. C. Endicott, 76; Lt. Col. A. L. Henson, 76; Col. R. A. Spitler, 83; Capt. E. B. Zachry, 68; Col. Frank A. Kopf, 64; Lt. Dutch Hardman, 48; Lt. Col. Henry A. Lawrence, 22.

SLOW RIFLE FIRE RESULTS (150 possible)

	STANDING	SITTING	PRONE	TOTAL
O. E. Collum....	39	43	41	123
H. A. Dye.....	38	44	45	127
W. B. Bean.....	40	44	45	129
D. Hardman....	19	35	40	94
R. C. Endicott...	40	45	48	133
A. L. Henson....	36	44	48	126
E. B. Zachry....	37	45	47	129
E. D. White.....	36	44	46	126

RAPID FIRE RESULTS (100 possible)

	SITTING	PRONE	TOTAL
Endicott	49	50	99
Dye	49	50	99
Henson	41	42	83
Bean	44	45	89
Zachry	49	49	98
White	43	48	91
Collum	41	42	83

While scoring in general was a bit off from previous matches the totals were good considering the fact that a good portion of the firing was done during the rain.

Rhode Island Continentals Active

AN OFFICERS' DETAIL of Varnum Continentals under Col. Allen, Major-Commandant, took an active part in the Fourth of July observance at Newport, where the 150th anniversary of the establishment of this one time important defense was observed with impressive military ceremonies and appropriate public speaking. Preceding these exercises the Continentals and a firing detail of the Newport Artillery Company had assisted in the ceremony at the grave of William Ellery, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, where a large floral wreath was placed under the direction of U. S. Senator Theodore Francis Green, President of the R. I. Society of the Cincinnati, and Hon. John H. Greene, President of the Rhode Island Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

The Continentals formed the military escort to Brig. Gen. James A. Murphy, Acting Adjutant General of Rhode Island, and escorted him to the reviewing stand at Fort Adams, where seats were provided for them. General Murphy is an Honorary Member of the Varnums' and wore their uniform. Colonel Allen served as his adjutant. The excellent luncheon served at the Officer's Club, at the fort, and the light refreshments provided at the conclusion of the day's events proved most welcome.

On V-J Day, August 14th, the Continentals joined the Kentish Guards, the National Guard, East Greenwich American Legion Post, and other organizations in paying tribute to the town's service men who fought and died in World War II. The program, which began with a large parade of military and civic organizations, culminated in the unveiling of the Gold Star tablet, and dedication of the new Memorial World War II Stadium on Eldredge Field, at which Governor John O. Pastore was the speaker of the day.

It was conceded by the press that the Varnum Continentals made a fine showing in the parade, and, in fact, "practically stole the show." In addition to their usual turnout, the Continentals provided an artillery detachment consisting of uniformed and horse-mounted batteries consisting of one Revolutionary field piece, one of the War Between the States, a motorized one of World War I, and an anti-aircraft gun and section from Battery B, 705th AAA, (Gun Bn) R.I.N.G. which was used in firing the salutes at Eldredge Field.

Following the V-J Day exercises, Colonel Howard V. Allen was host to the officers of Varnum Continentals, parade commanders of other organizations, and to Capt. Donald F. Smith, Commandant, Quonset Naval Air Station, at luncheon at the Dunes Carlton, Narragansett Pier.

On October 3rd, the annual election of Varnum Continentals was held at the Varnum Memorial Armory. Lt. Col. Howard V. Allen was elected to his 42nd term as Major Commandant. The other officers chosen were as follows: Company A, Captain, Vernon S. Allen; Lieutenant, Maj. Robert B. Carr; Ensign, Lt. Cdr. Richard H. Clarke, Jr., Company B, Captain, George A. White, Jr.; Lieutenant, Ralph G. Kenney; Ensign, Maj. Frederick



Varnum Continentals—Artillery Division, V-J Day 1949, East Greenwich, R. I.

W. Duncan, Jr. Capt. Henry G. Jackson was elected Clerk, and Lt. George P. Tyler, Treasurer.

Named as staff officers were Capt. Francis J. Harris, Captain and Adjutant, Capt. Henry G. Jackson, Lieutenant and Assistant Adjutant, Maj. Fenwick G. Taggart, M.D., Captain and Surgeon, Lieutenant and Judge Advocate, Capt. Clinton G. Clough, Emil C. Wellen, Lieutenant and Quartermaster; Lieut. Charles H. Balfour, Lieutenant and Assistant Quartermaster; Major Robert B. Carr, Inspector of Small Arms Practice. Captain White was re-appointed Director of the Varnum House Museum; Captain Jackson, Curator of the Military and Naval Museum, and Sgt. George A. Flamand, Armorer.

The total membership on October 1st was 184, the highest in the unit's history. In addition there are 109 members of the Varnum House Division.



Lieutenant's Party, Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company was held in Surrey Room, Hotel Touraine, Boston, Mass., January 11th. Captain Eddie Kane announced that about three hundred Ancients and their ladies were on hand for this gala affair. This formal affair is one of the outstanding social events of the season and one of the most colorful. Major Clarence E. Hyde, of the Ancients, owner of the Touraine acted as host.

Washington Infantry

AT AN ELECTION for Commissioned Officers on Friday evening October 21, 1949, the members of the Washington Infantry elected a new Commander. With this action, Captain Harry M. Wilke is therefore now relieved of the command. Captain Wilke, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, has had many active years in this organization, being admitted to membership in July of 1900. For the past twenty-five years serving as the commanding officer, first elected on October 9, 1924 and again re-elected in the month of October of 1929, 1934, 1939, and 1944. As commander, having attained the longest record as such in the annals of the organization, Captain Wilke considered himself justified in his desire to be relieved and declined a nomination for a sixth term.

The new Commander, Captain Ellsworth A. Rush, has been connected with this unit for more than thirty-seven years, being admitted to membership on March 26, 1912. As a Private, non-commissioned officer and 1st Lieutenant, he has always been loyal to the organization and faithful in the performance of his duties. As one of the 120 members serving in World War I, he voluntarily enlisted on June 6, 1917 and was assigned to the 59th Company, 7th Regiment, U. S. Marines. After his discharge on September 13, 1919, he reported back to the active company. He was elected 1st Lieutenant in October of 1934, and



Washington Infantry of Pittsburgh, Pa., at Memorial Park.

elected Captain on October 21, 1949. With his many years of loyal service for the organization, it is expected that Captain Rush will prove himself to be a most worthy Commander.

The Board in charge for the conduct of the electing of Commissioned Officers consisted of three Past Officers: Captain George E. Ventress, Captain Edwin Kohl and 1st Lieutenant Albert W. Heeren. Active members assembled in fatigue uniform, associate members in civilian dress. Commissioned officers are elected for a 5-year term and civil officers for a one-year term.

Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry

SINCE 1947, the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry has grown again to almost pre-war strength and interest in its activities is the best in history.

Plans are under way to establish a memorial plaque to Colonel John Starr, one of F.I.L.I.'s earliest commanders, in the newly established Cumberland Memorial Park. This project will entail the capping and readying a spring of crystal clear water fit for human use plus suitable walk-ways and landscaping. This project is in cooperation with the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Company has sponsored Company "K", 119th Infantry Regiment, Thirtieth Infantry Division, North Carolina National Guard. This unit is housed in our own Armory and during the Division's summer encampment was judged the best unit in the entire Division. In October the unit was inspected by Federal authorities and passed with flying colors.

At present the F.I.L.I. is undertaking a project to raise funds to send as many members as possible to the An-

nual Muster of the Centennial Legion at New York in January. We hope to send a drill team to take part there.

The annual election of officers was held August 23rd and the board of officers for the year 1949-50 are as follows:

Major Eugene C. McDonald, Commander
Captain Herman L. Bishop, Adjutant
Captain Henry B. Farrell
Captain James E. Faircloth
Captain Surles D. Freeman.

The Company has just sponsored the organization of a Ladies' Auxiliary of the F.I.L.I. The group was chartered with thirty-four members and we feel that this will greatly strengthen us in our plans and projects.

A planned program of recreation and entertainment is maintained with athletic teams participating in the city recreation program. Periodic parties and dances are held and these affairs have become noted as gala occasions.

Veterans of the Seventh Regiment

Veterans Compete Against Actives in Rifle Match at Camp Smith

IN A GALA DAY of rifle, carbine and pistol shooting at Camp Smith on October 12th, a ten-man veteran team won their match against a team of ten from the active Regiment. In the Mali individual slow fire match, for veterans only, Stollbrink, Prem and Davis placed first, second and third.

The organization and conduct of these matches, in which some 160 competitors took part, was rendered possible by the voluntary cooperation of all participants, competitors as well as match officials. To the officers of the Rifle Club, which has endured some lean and hungry years since 1939, the event proved the soundness of the philosophy that the first step is to arouse the interest and encourage the participation of the individual soldier. Upon this basis they hope to build, step by step, until the Regiment has regained the position of leadership in shooting which it should occupy. Meanwhile the results of the matches demonstrate that a substantial number of Veterans relish .30-caliber events; that the Regimental Rifle Team requires training and practice before it is capable of defeating the Veterans Team; that interest in rifle marksmanship exists in several companies; and that the Regiment is fortunate in having Lieutenant Stollbrink as its Rifle Team Coach. He fired possibles prone, both slow and sustained fire, and dropped only 2 points off hand—shooting which, under the circumstances, can only be described as phenomenal.

VETERANS SCORES

NAME	PRONE	STANDING	RAPID	TOTAL
Stollbrink	50	48	45	143
Prem	50	46	44	140
Davis	50	44	44	138
Waite	49	48	40	137
Fay	49	43	44	136
Devereux	47	45	41	133
Daly	48	40	40	128
Kennedy	49	41	37	127
Schmidt	47	40	39	126
Shanahan, E.....	45	41	39	125

Total1,333

REGIMENTAL RIFLE SQUAD SCORES

NAME	PRONE	STANDING	RAPID	TOTAL
Coviello (D)....	50	42	40	132
J. Chandler (D) .	47	40	43	130
A. Chandler (D) .	49	42	38	129
Knapp (K).....	43	37	42	122
Koestner (A)...	44	36	40	120
McGurn (D)....	44	37	39	120
Archer (K).....	45	41	33	119
Coates (A).....	46	36	35	117
Anderson (A)...	40	38	38	116
McGahan (L)...	46	35	35	116

Total1,221

Other matches fired that day, with the winners, were as follows: Dunn Trophy (4 man pistol), Company D; Gen. Brazill Trophy (4 man carbine) Company K; Alder Trophy (5 man rifle) Company L; Gen. Hayes Trophy (5 man rifle slow fire) Company D; Rathbone Trophy (5 man team sustained fire) Company L; Gen. Appleton Trophy (5 man rifle, off-hand, kneeling sustained fire) Company D.

Rathbone.....L-	816	D-	590	K-	580
Alder.....L-	879	D-	860	K-	834
5th MD.....L-	1675	D-	1659	K-	1571
Hayes.....D-	275	D-	267	K-	266
Appleton.....D-	283	L-	280	K-	269
Dunn.....D-	963	RH-	723	S-	462
Brazill.....K-	423	L-	406	RH-	369

In view of the Fact that the Veterans did not finish Match No. 1 in time to compete in Match No. 2, the following prizes have been awarded, based upon scores fired in Match No. 1. 1st place—Gold Veterans Insignia—Lt. H. Stollbrink; 7th place—Harvey's Shooting Sherry—Capt. G. C. Daly; and to each of the Veterans' Team, a Seventh Regiment Tie.

The Veterans Association contributed toward the prizes awarded in these matches.

When we say "Veterans" we naturally include the 7th Rgt. Post, American Legion.

Many Veterans had not fired the M1 previously but soon got the hang of it and made a good showing. Those shooting but not shown in the team score were: Agramonte, Andrews, Greer, Schuckman, J. Shannahan, Krete, Gibb, C. Opel, Vial, Reid, Downing, Baldwin, Tornabene, Nott, Outwater, Phillips, Strodeur, Schlank, Playle, Loomie, Musa, Murray, McLaughlin, Matchelder, Myers, and T. T. Johnson.

"Bill" Cremonin was his usual efficient self running the Pistol Range and also hanging up a good score in the individual firing.

Colonel Disston was high man on the Regt. Hq. Pistol Team with a score of 254, the second highest of the Dunn Match. He also toured the Ranges and gave his enthusiastic example to all present.

Colonel Connery in command of the Range, had the satisfaction of seeing the success of his plan of getting the new man shooting conscious. He may well be proud of the showing of cooperation of all concerned which speaks loudly of his experience and leadership.

Lieut. P. Randolph Harris as Range Officer kept everyone on their toes so the long program was completed about five p.m. This was a big job and well done.

Col. Devereux as Veteran Team Captain and his assistant Maj. Waite were the spark plugs who got the veterans out and then kept things humming on the nine targets assigned to the 36 veterans shooting. Because of lack of time many veterans could not be notified.

Altogether it was a wonderful day and may become an annual one.

Veteran Corps of Artillery State of New York

THE Veteran Corps of Artillery was designated to provide Special Escort to The Grand Marshal in the Massing of the Colors Parade and Services at St. Thomas' Church, Fifth Avenue at 53rd Street, Sunday, October 23rd, 1949 at 4 P.M.

Every Member was required to make this parade. Assembly was at the Armory at 1:30 o'clock P. M. Left Armory at 2:00 o'clock P.M. They wore their colorful Full Dress uniform, capes, white gloves and Side Arms.

The members of the Honorary Staff desiring to make the formation reported in Full Dress Uniform of the Corps. Members still in the uniform of the Armed Forces marched with the Honorary Staff.

IN MEMORIAM

Major General W. Bowie, Jr.

WE ARE GRIEVED to learn of the passing of Major General W. Bowie, Jr., Baltimore, Maryland on November 14, 1949. General Bowie had for many years been associated with the Centennial Legion. In 1926 he was one of the outstanding figures in the reorganization of the Legion at the Sesqui-Centennial in Philadelphia at which time Colonel Thomas S. Lanard was elected Commander and General Bowie, Vice-Commander. For many years the General served on the Membership Committee of the Centennial Legion, which Committee was required to pass on the Historic background of the Legion units.

General Bowie had contributed in many ways to the upbuilding of the National Guard and the Historic Military Commands, and he leaves a place in the hearts of all who knew him, over a long period of time which cannot be filled.

Colonel Thomas S. Lanard of Philadelphia, a director of the Centennial Legion as was General Bowie applies the following quotation to his very close military association with the late General.

"Of such as he was, There be few on earth;
Of such as he is, There are few in Heaven:
And Life is all the sweeter that he lived,
And Heaven is all the happier that he's there."

Members of the Military Society War of 1812 were invited to attend the Services at St. Thomas' Church. The Insignia of the Society and Decorations were worn.

At a meeting of the Council of Administration held on Tuesday, September 13th, 1949, at the Armory, Lt. Colonel Edwin B. Conklin tendered his resignation as Commandant of the Veteran Corps of Artillery of the State of New York, and as President of the Society of the War of 1812. His resignation was accepted with regret, and he was retired to the Honorary Staff with the rank of Colonel, Honorary Commandant, and President Emeritus.

The Council elected Major Francis F. Steers as Commandant of the Corps and President of the Society, with the rank of Lt. Colonel, to take effect as of October 1st, 1949.

The Veteran Corps of Artillery, S. N. Y. attended the 175th Anniversary of the Kentish Guards at East Greenwich, Rhode Island on October 29th, 1949.

Continental's Observe MEMORIAL SERVICE

THE annual Memorial Services for deceased members of the Worcester Continentals were held Sunday, November 13, 1949 in Hope Cemetery, Worcester, Mass.

The principal speaker was Lt. Col. Frank E. Dodge, Commander, who reviewed the lives and services of deceased Continentals with special reference to the records of Lt. Col. William E. C. Fairbanks and Capt. Eugene F. Boyce on whose graves wreaths were laid.

Guest of honor was Lt. Col. Hamilton H. Hall of the Rhode Island Militia. He stressed the fact the ideals of patriots in the American Revolution must be perpetuated and discussed the work of the Centennial Legion of Historic Military Commands.

Capt. Harry C. Shaw was in charge of the ceremonies assisted by Major Charles W. Stevens, Major Lewis E. Moore, Capt. Dexter E. Willard, Capt. Lester K. Sweeny, Capt. Gordon H. D. Austin, chaplain; Capt. David B. Isenberg and Lt. Alfred J. Karle.

Besides the national colors George Washington's headquarters flag was displayed under the direction of Capt. Sweeny and Lt. Karle.

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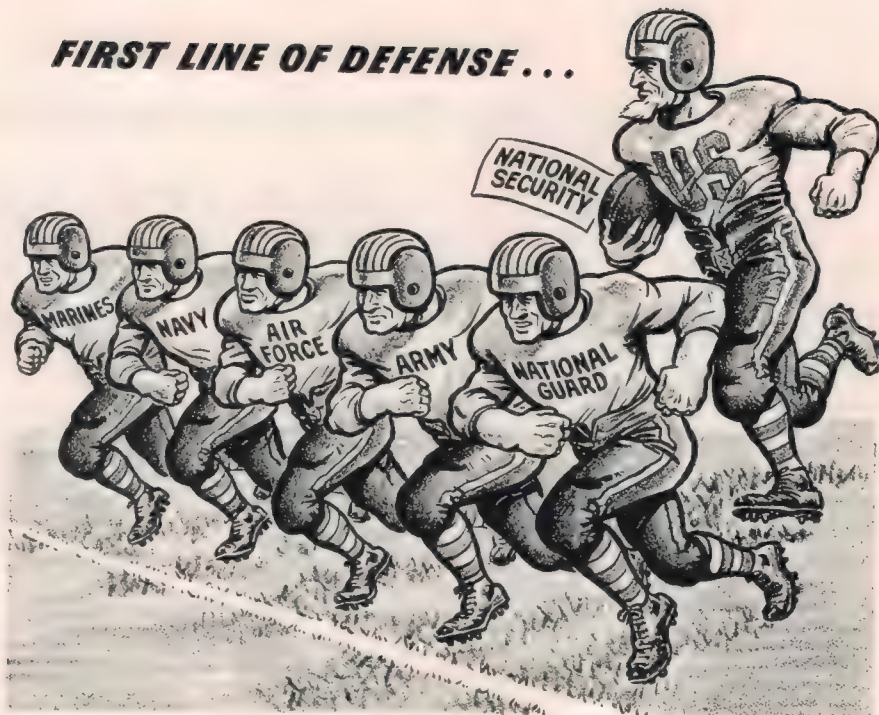
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YESTERDAY

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George Washington, Patrick Henry and John Marshall at various times preceding and during the Revolution-

ary War commanded the Virginia Infantry, now the 176th Infantry.

Andrew Jackson commanded 2,000 militiamen in the War of 1812.

Abraham Lincoln commanded a militia company in the Black Hawk War.

Chester Arthur was Quartermaster General of the New York militia in the Civil War, during which most of the troops for both sides were furnished by the National Guard.

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FIRST CITIZEN OF BRUSSELS ADDS TO HIS WARDROBE

THE LITTLE BOY of the famous Manneken fountain in Brussels is about to put on a new and different costume to pose for the photographers. This time it is a complete cowboy outfit, presented by a resident of Dallas, Texas. After being photographed in his finery, the Manneken will reappear in his natural bronze skin and the cowboy costume will join the 80 other costumes and uniforms he has acquired in more than 200 years. These are displayed in the Museum at the Maison du Roi, Brussels.

Having played cowboy, the Manneken's next role will be that of a member of the Princess Irene's Regiment of Arnhem in the Netherlands. On that occasion he will be resplendent in a khaki uniform trimmed with orange. The Princess Irene's Regiment was organized in England by the Dutch who escaped across the Channel.

Finally, when the Centennial Legion visits Belgium next spring, General Sam Edge Dockrell who commands the expedition plans to present the Manneken with a uniform of the Putnam Phalanx of Hartford, Conn. How about the uniform of your outfit? Rest assured he will be happy to wear Centennial Legion uniforms!

What is the origin of Manneken-Pis?

There are different stories on the subject.

The following seems to be the true story:

The young Duke Godfrey III of Brabant was only two years of age when his father died. Two of his vassals, Walter of Malines and Gerard of Grimberg, declared war on him. His Regents asked for help from Thierry of Alsace, count of Flanders. The soldiers of this latter and true friends of the young Duke numbered more than 6,000 men were being reviewed in the streets of Brussels when they asked to see the child for whom they were going to fight. His mother brought him in her arms and showed him to the troops who cheered him heartily. Then the old Lord of Gaesbeek said:

"Madam, if you wish us to be victorious, your son, the young prince, should be present on the battlefield."

The next day, notwithstanding his mother's fears, Godfrey III followed the troops in his cradle. The battle took place at Ransbeek near Vilvorde; the cradle was suspended upon the branch of a young oak from which the standard of Brabant was unfurled.

The Duke's army was driven back four times, but it was impossible to push it farther than the cradle. Nevertheless, the battle seemed to be lost, when the soldiers perceived the child standing erect and fulfilling a natural duty of nature. Did they accept it as a sign of contempt at their cowardice or as a proof that the child wished to brave the enemy? In any case it is known that the soldiers took courage anew and so won the battle. In memory of this deed, they decided to erect a fountain called "Manneken-Pis." Furthermore, the young oak was planted quite near the fountain and therefrom the street has its name: rue du Chêne (Oak Street). The monument in which the little statue stands has the shape of a cradle.

Whatever be the truth of these stories, it is sure that Manneken deserves his name of the Oldest Inhabitant and will always remain the beloved child of his native town.

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